Our Kindergarten classes have commenced this Term’s Primary Assembly theme on ‘Jonah’ with great vitality. When five year olds convey a challenge to love those with whom you may disagree or who might cause you trouble and hardship, it really is quite confronting. We have to learn the same lesson God was teaching Jonah i.e. we can’t ignore and turn our backs on those who cause us problems. Jesus told his followers:

“Love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you.”

(Matthew 5:44)

Further encouragement flowed through our special Primary Music Assembly when the audience, including many parents and grandparents, was enthralled by the performances from Beginner and Intermediate Bands, Woodwind Ensemble and String Ensemble. Many of these young musicians picked-up their instruments for the first time at the beginning of this year. It was terrific to witness such fantastic progress already. Two of the highlights were the number of students playing brass instruments thus giving us the chance to form the RJ Jazz Band again in the future. Also, with our first violinists, it may lead to, in time, a full orchestra – so exciting! Well done to everyone involved!

To see Year 10 PE students teaching gymnastics skills to Kindy classes was simply breathtaking. Indeed many similar fantastic moments are taking place as part of our fortnight of Learning Celebrations. Just some of the incredible experiences are listed below:

- Year 1: local History, Writing, Maths problem solving – Year 11 Geography, Year 11 Economics, Year 8 English, Year 10 Maths;
- Year 2: Technology, Descriptive Writing, Art – Year 11 Software and Design, Year 11 English, Year 9 Art;
- Year 3: Making paper cranes, Marketing – Year 8 English, Year 12 Business Studies;
- Year 4: Science, building bridges – Year 10 Science, Year 11 Engineering;
- Year 5: Science, PE – Year 7 Science;
- Year 6: Food Tech, Maths – Year 10 Food Tech, Year 8 Maths.

Also, Pre-Kindy will enjoy Science and Art with Year 10 Science and Year 11 Art. Wow, well done staff for these wonderful initiatives. There are others as well being arranged.

May I warmly commend our HSC Showcase Evening this Wednesday. Every year it is exhilarating to view the range of major projects in courses such as Art, Industrial Technology and Textiles as well as the major performances in Drama and Music. This is a tremendous opportunity to enjoy our Year 12 students’ amazing skills – we have a chance to interact with them about their works. Be sure you attend if at all possible – you will be greatly encouraged.

Another event not to be missed occurs in two weeks – our Primary Musical. Please take notice of the relevant details and buy your tickets now. Every Primary student will participate in this special production of “Wonder in Aliceland” – that’s record-breaking in itself! It promises to be incredible, so much fun!

The inaugural year of the Secondary BYOD (Bring Your Own Device) Program has been very successful due to the excellent commitment of teachers and outstanding support from RJ families. It continues in 2017 with the Year 7 and Year 10 cohorts again. The next introductory evening session occurs for Year 9 families next Wednesday 24 August. Our Year 6 families have already received such information and will have a follow-up session on the morning of the Orientation Day for Year 7 in November.
School Rules
OK!

SCHOOL UNIFORM AND HAIR
Students are wearing the Winter Uniform well at present. Scarves and non-School items are occasionally an issue. Students wearing clothing which is not part of the School Uniform may be asked to remove them and if this happens more than once, the item(s) may be collected by a Welfare Coordinator and kept for a period of time.

In a lot of cases of incorrect hair styles for boys, the problem has started with the use of number 0 or 1 clippers. Boys should ensure that their hairdresser is very sure of which attachment to use. It must be a 2 or above. The boys who were sent away to have their hair fixed up had to have a 3 or 4 attachment used on top before being allowed back to class. Parents and boys are asked to take careful note of the rule. We would much rather spend time on other matters in the School. We are in negotiation with barbers and hairdressers from Plumpton Market Place so that they are aware of the School’s expectations.

Should kids under 13 years of age be allowed on Facebook, KIK, Instagram and other Social Media?

Exactly one year ago, I wrote the following column:

It was disappointing for me to find out last week that there are still students who are under the age of 13, who are being allowed to have Instagram, Facebook and KIK Accounts, despite a visit by authorities the previous week to enlighten the Stage Three students. The age limit has been set there for a reason and Leonie Smith from ABC gives the following insights about underage access to Social Media.

From a recent article on Dawn.com: “WASHINGTON: Some 7.5 million of the 20 million minors who used Facebook in the past year were younger than 13, and a million of them were bullied, harassed or threatened on the site, says a study released Tuesday. Even more troubling, more than five million Facebook users were 10 years old or younger, and they were allowed to use Facebook largely without parental supervision leaving them vulnerable to threats ranging from malware to sexual predators, the State of the Net survey by Consumer Reports found.”

As to the existing age limit, allowing a child under the age of 13 to open an account on Facebook, KIK, Instagram and other Social Media is very risky. It is absolutely inconceivable that a pre-teen would have the ability or patience to go through the existing maze of settings to be able to make their Facebook, KIK, Instagram and other Social Media account private enough to ensure protection from unwanted approaches, spam and exploitation of their personal pictures and content.

Side-stepping the age limit is facile: just use an older year of birth on sign up. No proof of age is required and most Social Media sites don’t seem fussed at enforcing their own rules. So the rule can really only be considered a guideline.

Leonie Smith has been a Cyber Mum since 1995. She writes about Cyber Safety Issues and Social Networks. Find her on Twitter at @LeonieGSmith and Facebook at LeonieGSmith.

For new parents of RJ and those who did not have younger children interested in social media this time last year, it is important to feature this article again.

I ask myself the question – if the authorities had strongly advised parents in my area not to let their children under 13 play in a certain park because statistics show that 1 out of every 8 children of that age who play in that park are either bullied or harassed or threatened while they were there, I doubt whether one single parent would ever allow their child to play there, or would, at the very least, hold their hand all the way there and never let them out of their sight while they were there.

We encourage all parents to be extremely vigilant. Over the past two years, we have given many pointers to parents in “Cyber Matters”. This is an area that very few of us are experts in, but it is an area that will be part of our children’s futures and we will each do well to read up as much as we can to be of assistance to the next generation, especially as far as boundaries are concerned.

Michael O’Hare
Deputy Principal
ASSEMBLY - OAKHURST
During Assembly in Week 2, KR taught us all about Jonah’s prayer. Through this prayer we learnt that while we don’t deserve to be saved, God through his great kindness saves us through the sacrifice of His Son. Last week we were able to enjoy some special music performances from the Beginner and Intermediate Bands, Woodwind Ensemble and Beginner Strings. Well done to all of the students who performed and showcased their developing music talents. House Meetings replace Primary Assembly in Week 4. A short Awards Assembly will be held in Week 5 rather than a class presenting an item as all classes are busy preparing for our Primary Musical the next week. Recent Assembly Award recipients are:

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EXCURSIONS AND INCURSIONS – OAKHURST
Year 2 students were blessed with a beautiful day to visit Rouse Hill House and Farm to learn more about life in the past. They enjoyed seeing what classrooms were like in the ‘old days’. Kindergarten students had a wonderful day exploring God’s creatures on their excursion last week to Featherdale Wildlife Park. Getting to see, pat and learn about a variety of different animals was a highlight for our youngest students. The huge crocodile, kangaroos and koalas were amongst the favourites.

HOUSE MEETINGS
House Meetings will be held this Friday 19 August. Students should wear their Sports Uniform and House Shirt on this day. Students participating in the WSCS Interschool Sports competition should bring their Sport polo for competition.

MATHS OLYMPIAD/MATHS GAMES - OAKHURST
The fourth Olympiad and Maths Games Contest will be held tomorrow morning for students in these teams. Students have learnt new and valuable mathematical problem-solving skills through these rewarding competitions.

PRIMARY MUSICAL – “WONDER IN ALICELAND”
Two weeks from today marks our first performances of “Wonder in Aliceland” and the Primary students are getting very excited to perform on stage to a very excited audience.

Parents are reminded that all Primary students from K-6 are involved in the Primary Musical and are required to attend each performance. Parents do not need to attend each performance or purchase a ticket for their Primary-aged students as students are fully supervised by staff in classrooms when not performing on stage. Students will not be permitted to leave prior to the end of the Musical during performances. Tickets for the Primary Musical are on sale now through webticketing.com.au. Parents are encouraged to purchase tickets early to avoid disappointment, as it is anticipated that the evening performances will sell out quickly.

RJ LEARNING CELEBRATIONS – BOTH CAMPUSES
Students have been crossing the magical line between Primary and Secondary over the past week to come together to enjoy and celebrate learning experiences. These experiences continue throughout Week 4. Be sure to ask your child about the different learning experiences they have engaged in. Students from Pre-Kindergarten will travel to Oakhurst on Monday 22 August to participate in these celebrations.

SOCIAL NETWORKING SITES
I have had cause to speak with a number of older Primary students and their parents about a number of inappropriate social networking interactions. Parents are reminded that the School does not promote or provide student access to any social networking sites and as such any issues that may arise outside of School hours due to children accessing such sites need to be addressed by parents in contact with external agencies as required. As social networking sites have age restrictions beyond the age of Primary students, it is expected that Primary-aged students do not have access to social networking sites. Parents are reminded of the importance of supervising their children’s use of technology in the home and when their children are visiting their friends.

UNIVERSITY OF NEW SOUTH WALES COMPETITIONS
The UNSW Mathematics Competition was held today for selected students from Years 4 and 6. The results from this competition should arrive later in the term or early next term. Certificates will be presented in Primary Assembly once they arrive.

Narelle Taylor
Head of Primary
On Thursday 11 August, Kindergarten went on their first excursion to Featherdale Wildlife Park. KR, KJ and KS students eagerly boarded a bus for their trip to Featherdale and were bursting with excitement as we arrived at the entrance gate of the park.

Kindergarten thoroughly enjoyed seeing all the animal exhibits, but the hands-down favourites proved to be the kangaroos, baby dingoes and the crocodile enclosure. The students loved getting to pat a range of different Australian animals as part of our animal encounter but the real highlight was getting to see and touch a koala up close!

We had a fantastic day and returned to RJ buzzing about the different things we had seen and learned about. A big thank you to all of our parent helpers who helped make it such a terrific experience. We can’t wait for our next excursion!

Rebecca Frakes
Kindergarten Teacher

My name is Samjhana and I am 13 years old. I study at a great Christian school called the Livingstone Academy. I am from a very remote mountainous area in the far west of Nepal. My father died before I was born and my mother died 3 days after I was born. My second name “B.K.” means that I am from a very low caste known as Dalits. Thank you Richard Johnson Anglican School for being part of my life!
GET YOUR TICKETS NOW!

Primary Musical!

Tuesday 30 August, 12:15pm  
Matinee Performance

Tuesday 30 August, 6.15pm  
Evening Performance

Wednesday 31 August, 6:15pm  
Evening Performance

Tickets can be purchased from www.webticketing.com.au

adapted by Jo Denver with music by Don Woodward

Seniors $10  
Children $10

Family of 4   $40
Family of 5   $45
Family of 6   $50
What lies within? This was a question I posed at Assembly last week, because students don’t always show the talent that ‘lies within’ on a frequent basis. Sometimes shyness, or an unwillingness to promote oneself, a fear of what others will say or a fear of failure, combine to stop us from showing what we are really capable of – what ‘lies within’.

What a privilege then to see when these talents rise to the surface and see the light of day. Emily Parker’s script “Coleslaw and Order” – performed at Assembly last week – was one of those moments. No wonder she won the prize for Best Script at the Short Sharp Theatre Competition last term with Riverside Theatre. The audience was enthralled as we watched the drama unfold, and each of the characters rose to the parts they had been given to play – it was great entertainment!

Equally exciting has been the completion of Year 12 Major Works. They will be on display at the HSC Showcase Evening on Wednesday 17 August (starting at 6:30pm) and what I have seen so far has been amazing. Mr Harrison’s Industrial Technology Timber class were the first class required to submit their work for marking, and they did so with style. Everyone with a completed project – nothing unfinished. Beautiful pieces of furniture with lovely choices of timber. Textiles, Visual Arts, Drama, Extension 2 English, Music and Drama all follow shortly after and will be on display on Wednesday evening. Year 10 students who are considering subjects with a practical component should come along and see the standard of work that has been produced by our Year 12 students.

Year 12 will finish their Trial Examinations this week and then, as they complete their coursework, will have time for revision before finishing in September. Everyone should have received their invitation to the Year 12 Formal and are reminded that RSVPs are due by 2 September with the initial $60 deposit per ticket.

The Bible tells us not to hide our light under a basket (Matthew 5:15) but rather on a stand, “and it gives light to all in the house”. There is great joy in seeing the talents that God has given others come to the surface. They are nothing to be ashamed or embarrassed about. And even if the ‘light’ is not as bright as we would like it to be, or blazing as fiercely as others, it is still shining. Light and hope are the way forward, especially when the world doesn’t seem as bright as it should be.

As Jesus said, “In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” We are each unique creations - I would challenge you all to let others see the good and the positive of what ‘lies within’.

Jenny Clay
Assistant Principal/Head of Secondary

SECONDARY PUBLIC SPEAKING SHOWCASE EVENING

Richard Johnson Anglican School will be hosting the Secondary Public Speaking Competition Evening on Monday September 5 from 6:30pm-8:30pm in the Drama Room, E1.

The evening will showcase speeches from Stages 4 and 5, and will feature HSC Drama performances from our Year 12 Drama class.

A number of Awards will be presented to the public speaking participants, along with feedback from guest judges.

Students who have been selected as Finalists will receive a letter confirming their participation in the evening.

Public Speaking Students must wear full school uniform, and arrive at School by 6:20pm for a prompt 6:30pm start.

We encourage parents of the participants to attend as the audience for the night and be inspired by the public speaking skills of students at our School.

We look forward to a great night!

Annette Sicard
Stage 5 English/Learning Support
PRIMARY
On Thursday 11 August, the 13 members of the Senior Boy’s RJAS Soccer Team travelled to Penrith to participate in the CSSA State Primary Boys Metro Cup. Placed in Pool C, the team would face Belmont Christian College, Rouse Hill Anglican College and Berowra Christian School. The first match was a closely fought 1-1 draw with Belmont Christian College. The team handled the morning dew and a tough opponent well, Daniel Gauci scoring from a free-kick to pull level. The second game, against Rouse Hill, was an even tighter contest. Chances were few and far between as both sides earned a 0-0 draw. With earlier results in place, it all came down to the final pool game. The team stood up when necessary, slotting home goals in an 8-0 triumph which saw the team progress from the Pool Stage. Ricky White (4 goals), Ethan Kerek (2 goals), Max McAdams (1 goal) and Montana McIntosh (1 goal) all got on the scoresheet.

With a second place finish in the Pool Stage, the team were drawn against the winner of Pool D, Sutherland Shire Christian School, in a knock-out Quarter-Final. With the prospect of golden goal extra time or even penalties looming at the end of the game, the boys made one error of judgement, dealing a blow to their confidence and a final 1-0 result. Although the boys bowed out at the Quarter-Final stage, they showed themselves worthy opponents and, with a few different bounces of the ball, could have progressed to a Semi Final. The Quarter-Final result at the CSSA State Metro Cup is the best result a Primary RJAS Team has achieved.

Thanks should also go to the parents who attended to lend their support and encouragement, as well as those who helped take down nets after the Quarter-Final.

SECONDARY
Term 3 Sport is back into full swing again. We have many great School and Representative Sports that our students are involved in. Our first rounds of Basketball and Softball were played last Tuesday. The softball team had a great win (15-2). The Opens Boys Basketball had the bye this week but look forward to their game this week. The 15’s teams had losses against Nepean and Penrith.

Friday (12/8/16) saw around 60 students represent Richard Johnson Anglican School. Many students achieved great results in their events. Results from the Carnival will be sent to me on Wednesday. Students who have placed 1st or 2nd in their event will be notified that they will be attending the State Carnival on 25 August. Permission notes will go out as soon as possible.

This Thursday (18/8) our Year 8 Rugby League team will compete in the Captains Cup Gala Day at Whalan Reserve. We will be competing against 19 other State and Independent Schools. It will be a good chance for our students to play against some tough competition at this NRL event.

Finally, the Sydney Bears Ice Hockey team have given Richard Johnson Anglican 200 free tickets to attend their final games for the season. They play this Saturday (20/8) and Sunday (21/8). The Bears play out of the Penrith Ice Palace and both games start at 5pm. If any students would like tickets, please come and see Mr Hyde.

David Hyde
Secondary Sports Co-ordinator
KINDERGARTEN AND YEAR 10 GYMNASTICS
Last Wednesday KR, KJ and KS had a fabulous time participating in gymnastics activities with Mrs Gough’s Year 10 PE class as part of RJ’s Learning Celebrations. Kindergarten loved getting to use the mini-trampoline, big gym mats, hula hoops and balance beams to practice their gymnastics skills. The Kindy students thoroughly enjoyed trying out new things and interacting with each other and their Year 10 friends. Thank you to Mrs Gough, Mr Hyde and the Year 10 PE students for your preparation of such great hands-on activities and the way you interacted so positively with our younger students. Kindergarten left the gymnastics lesson filled with wonderful, fun memories and a keen interest in developing their skills as gymnasts!

Miss Parata, Mrs Beckman and Mrs Frakes
Kindergarten Teachers

YEAR 3 AND YEAR 8 PAPER CRANES
Last Thursday afternoon, Year 8 English helped Year 3 students make paper cranes. This was part of their literature study of Sadako and the Thousand Paper Cranes. It was a lot of fun but also very challenging. Unfortunately we didn’t get to finish many of them because it was very intricate and took a lot of time. Year 8 was very disappointed not to be able to finish them, and wanted to prove to Year 3 that they could do it, so we made lots of cranes in our English lesson and sent them down as gifts for Year 3.

Nicole Goodman
Secondary English Teacher

CLASS 7A ENGLISH VISIT TO 1J
7A English have been “Discovering Drama” this term. They were asked to work in a small group and complete a script for a Nursery Rhyme. Baa Baa Black Sheep and Humpty Dumpty were class favourites. They rehearsed their plays, added props and costumes and presented these to 1J last Thursday. Shane wrote his own story about the adventures of trains who refused to wear a snow plough and using a PowerPoint presentation, gave a dramatic reading of his story.
Both classes enjoyed this and completed their time together by reading. These are a few comments from some of the 7A students:

I felt excited and loved it when they laughed a lot. I enjoyed reading with them.

I felt like a person on the stage – a comedian. I enjoyed reading with the little kids.

I felt nervous that we were performing in front of them and I was also happy because we got to hang around with them as well. The best part was when I was reading with the Year 1J.

The best part was when we were actually doing the play.

I thought I was going to explode but when we actually did the play it felt like I could do anything. I thought I could actually act.

I felt nervous and happy at the same time. The best part was when we could talk to the Year 1J students and read them a book.

Kerrie Lyons
Secondary English Teacher
Changes to Parking Arrangements along Dryden Avenue and other reminders

Parking around schools in busy suburbs is always challenging and understandably RJ is no exception. Whilst the School encourages families to park at Plumpton Market Place whenever possible and walk across, families may choose to park closer at certain times, particularly if they have young children. In this context, our advice is to always make sure there is sufficient time to park safely, even if that means walking their child/ren further to the School gates. Unfortunately some families have been unable to resist the temptation to “double park” when dropping off their child/ren on Dryden Avenue, which is clearly illegal and unsafe.

The School has been actively working with Blacktown Council to improve the safety of our students. Please note the following changes that will take effect in the next week or two:

1. The addition of the morning peak hours between 8am-9.30am on school days to the existing ‘No Stopping’ zone on the residential side of Dryden Avenue. Fortunately, whilst our School parents typically do not stop along that side, this addition will provide clarity.

2. Installation of a 40m section of a ‘No Parking’ zone between 8am-9.30am and 2.30-4.00pm, School Days, between the two pedestrian gates on the School side of Dryden Avenue. This new zone will provide for a higher turnover of vehicles for the many families who “kiss and drop” their child/ren in the morning and collect them in the afternoon. Parents are encouraged to ask their child/ren to wait inside the gates until the family car has stopped in the zone accordingly.

3. Installation of ‘No Stopping’ signs for a length of 10m on each leg of the intersection of Dryden Avenue and Hedda Street. Whilst this is already a legal requirement, some families have been parking too close to the intersection reducing visibility and causing concern for our neighbours.

For your interest, the School had requested a school zone pedestrian crossing for Dryden Avenue but this was denied. However, we are pleased with the recently added footpath along Alpin Grove which will be a benefit to families who may park in that street.

As a reminder, the Oakhurst Campus gates open from 7:45am to 9:00am and 3:25pm to 4pm in the afternoon. Families with Secondary students can drive into the “School Turnarounds” to drop off or collect their children. Families with a mixture of Secondary and Primary students are also asked to use the "School Turnaround". Please do not park in front of the gate waiting for it to open as it is illegal to park across a pedestrian footpath. Please avoid arriving before 3:25pm so that queues can be prevented, as much as possible, out of respect to our neighbours and other road users.

Families with Primary students can drop off and pick up students in the area alongside the Church building. This area is known as the "Primary Turnaround". Cars are not to be left unattended at any time. Please avoid arriving before 3:25pm so that queues can be prevented, as much as possible, out of respect to our neighbours and other road users.

It is important that our School community works together to maintain a high degree of safety on our site and around our site. We appreciate everyone’s commitment to this goal.

Paul Cockrem
Principal

Stephanie Ghali
Operations Manager
Squares Blankets Service

Thank you to all the students, staff, family and friends of RJ who have so generously given of their time and talent to make squares. We are currently putting squares together to assemble blankets, so if you have any at home, could you please give them to Mrs Chapman or hand them into Student Reception.

Our mission to provide warmth for those in need during winter is ongoing, so please keep making squares if you wish to and we will continue to assemble blankets in preparation for next year.

Jenet Chapman
Secondary Teacher

Fathers Day Stall

It’s that time of year when we wish Dad, Grandpa or that special man in our children’s lives Happy Father’s Day. On Thursday 1 September, the P&F will be holding the annual Father’s Day Stall selling gifts ranging in price from $1 to $10. Each Primary class will visit the Stall to make their purchases throughout the morning. Please send money on the day in a sealed, clearly marked envelope. Secondary students are welcome to make a purchase of any remaining gifts during Secondary Lunch time only.

Thank you for supporting the P&F Assoc. Father’s Day Stall by giving your children money to buy a special gift. God has given our children beautiful smiles and our wonderful parent volunteers are given the opportunity to see them, when they have found their perfect gift.

Jo Mansell
Father’s Day Stall Co-ordinator

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August

16  P&F Association meeting at 7:00pm in the Secondary Library
17  HSC Showcase Evening at 6:30pm in the Hall
18  Year 8 (selected students) NRL Captains Cup Gala Day
19  Primary CSSA State Athletics at Blacktown International Sports Park.
19  7-11 9:40am House Meetings. Wear House shirts.
19  K-6  11:15am House Meetings. Wear House shirts.
20  Marsden Park Campus Open Morning from 9:00am – 10:30am
24  Oakhurst Campus Open Morning from 9:00am – 10:30am
24  Year 10 (selected students) Science Festival Excursion
24  Year 9 BYOD Information Night at 7:00pm in the Hall
25  Secondary CSSA State Athletics
26  7-12 Assembly (Science) 9:40am
26  K-6 Assembly 11:15am – Awards only – Primary Courtyard
26  Year 11 Geography Fieldwork Excursion to various locations
26  HSC Drama Practical Examination
29  Primary Musical Rehearsal day
30  Primary Musical performances. Matinee - 12:15pm, Night - 6:15pm
31  Primary Musical Night performance - 6:15pm

September

1  Year 7 Immunisations
1  P&F Association Father’s Day Stall
2  No K-6 Assembly due to Primary Musical this week
2  7-12 Chapel 9:40am
5  Secondary Public Speaking Competition 6:30pm in the Drama Room.
8  20 Year Celebrations Whole School Photo
9  7-12 Assembly 9:40am.
9  K-6 Assembly 11:15am hosted by 6R
9-15 Year 11 Yearly Exams
12  Year 10 Food Technology Excursion to Star Buffet Restaurant.
12  Year 8 Meeting re Stage 5 Electives
16  7-12 Chapel 9:40am
16  K-6 Assembly 11:15am hosted by KJ
16  Years 10 & 11 (selected students) Young Writers’ Day at WSU
16  Year 11 PDHPE First Aid Course Incursion
16  Year 12 Reports distributed

PLEASE BOOK THESE DATES:

Wednesday 17 August
HSC Showcase Evening
6:30pm in the Hall.

Saturday 20 August
OPEN MORNING at Marsden Park Campus
9:00am - 10:30am.
Arrive at your leisure.

Wednesday 24 August
OPEN MORNING at Oakhurst Campus
9:00am - 10:30am.
Arrive promptly at 9am.

Wednesday 24 August
Year 9 BYOD Information Night at 7:00pm
for parents and students

Prayer POINTS

- **Praise** – for the RJ Learning Celebrations that are occurring between Primary and Secondary classes resulting in wonderful experiences for students.
- **Praise** – for our dedicated P&F Executive who oversee many fundraising events in our School to benefit all students.
- **Prayer** – for the health of all Primary Students and Staff as they prepare and rehearse the Primary Musical - that they would remain well over the coming weeks.
- **Prayer** – for those in our School community struggling with financial hardship, grief or loss, that they may use prayer to take their burdens to our wonderful Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Year 12 Careers Information

All Year 12 students should have received a letter from the UAC with a pin number. Main round university applications are open until September 30.

If students miss this deadline the fee of $41 increases to $166 and continually progresses to $192. Students may change their preferences after this date with no additional charge. If they need assistance or guidance with their choices please email Miss Little or visit me the Careers Office during Lunch time.