Congratulations to Lucas Logan
2015 College Valedictorian
Farewell to Year 12

This is the last week of formal schooling for Year 12. Yesterday we sent them off in style. I would like to give them some advice as they reach this significant milestone in their lives. This advice is taken from the life of King George VI.

King George VI was not a man comfortable with public speaking. His struggle to overcome a debilitating speech impediment — a stutter — was immortalized in the 2011 American Academy Award-winning film for Best Picture, “The King’s Speech.”

King George VI never wanted to be king. He wasn’t supposed to be king. He was only king because his brother David had abdicated the throne in 1936 and he was next in line. He was a shy nervous man, who would have preferred to have lived a quiet, out-of-the-public eye life. He was the father of Queen Elizabeth II.

Nevertheless, unwillingness aside, this unlikely monarch presented one of the most memorable speeches to the English people.

It was Christmas, 1939, and Great Britain was at war with Nazi Germany. Taking a few deep breaths, he began to speak, slowly yet solidly. Measuring his words carefully, he spoke from the heart.

Toward the end of his nine-minute broadcast, he said:

“I feel that we may all find a message of encouragement in the lines which, in my closing words, I would like to say to you.”

He then read from a poem given to him by his 13-year-old daughter, Princess Elizabeth.

“I said to the man who stood at the Gate of the Year, ‘Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown.’ And he replied, ‘Go out into the darkness, and put your hand into the Hand of God. That shall be better than light, and safer than a known way.’”

He finished by saying,

“May that Almighty Hand guide and uphold us all.”

As Year 12 finish their formal schooling I commend to them King George VI’s advice.

As you step out into the next stage of your life, put your hand into the Hand of God.

And truly that shall be better than light and safer than a known way.

Mrs Lorrae Sampson
2015 VALEDICTORY ASSEMBLY
Where is God?

Last edition I shared about the question of Why the Ugly? and introduced the idea that God is with us in the midst of life’s the hurts and challenges. But sometimes identifying God at these times is a bit like looking for Wally (as in Where’s Wally!). You are not alone if that is what you think and for some god is an elusive figure.

The Bible passage from last time gave a clue to finding the actual presence and location of God, a God who himself suffered and was abandoned. In Psalm 22:1 David cried out the words “My God my God, why have you forsaken me? Similarly, Jesus cries out these exact words at the cross during his crucifixion (Mark 15:34).

It is this God alone that we can turn to, to Him alone do we find the ultimate answer to our suffering. No other god is like this.

Albert Camus, a French Nobel Prize–winning author, journalist, philosopher, and atheist wrote these words about the God who turned up on earth and suffered on the cross at Golgotha:

“The night on Golgotha is so important in the history of man only because in its shadows, the divinity, ostensibly abandoned its traditional privileges and lived through to the end, despair included, the agony of death. So, if we embrace the Christian teaching that Jesus is God and that he went to the Cross, then we have deep consolation and strength to face the brutal realities of life on earth. We can know that God is truly Immanuel— God with us— even in our worst sufferings.”

The idea of ‘God with us’ gets a lot of airplay at Christmas when Jesus is born but it is even more significant in his death. Moreover, God invites us to the promise of “Come! Let the one who is thirsty come; and let the one who wishes take the free gift of the water of life” (Revelation 22:17).

In this mini-series we have considered:

1. Why the Beauty? The Bible suggests it is because of a creative maker, God.
2. Why the Ugly? Despite the beauty of God’s world it has been spoiled and sometimes we just don’t know why that is the case. The good news is that God hasn’t abandoned us.
3. Where is God? God experiences the full suffering of humanity, in Jesus he lived what we live and he promises a time when our thirst for something better will be satisfied.

Mr Jim Dayhew

NOWRA ANGLICAN COLLEGE UNIFORM SHOP

Additional Trading Days
(Transition to summer uniform)

Nowra Anglican College Uniform Store will close for the school holidays on Friday 18th September at 4pm and will re-open for Term 4 on Wednesday 30th September at 9am.

Trading Hours Term 3

Last Trading day:
Friday 18th September
Open 8am to 4pm

Trading Hours Term 4

Monday 5th October
Closed (Public Holiday)

Tuesday 6th October
Open 9am to 4pm

Normal Trading Hours:

Normal trading hours for Nowra Anglican College Uniform Store will resume from Wednesday 7th October, 2015 8am -4pm.

Nowra Anglican College Uniform Store is open every Monday, Wednesday and Friday 8am-4pm.

Please contact Raeann on 44235477

Email: nowra@midford.com.au

National Shoe Box Collection 2015

THANK YOU

to all those who contributed to Operation Christmas Child.
We collected a total of 273 boxes this year.
My Story Matters

My Story Matters is a project where 10 residents of the Osborne House Retirement Village and 10 students from Nowra Anglican College conduct a series of interviews to create a biography of each of the residents. Each year the school seeks dedicated and enthusiastic students from year 10 to participate in this program. At the beginning of the program each student was paired with a resident and during the course of term 3, travelled to Osborne House to conduct their interviews.

The students focused on aspects of the resident’s lives including their childhood, work experiences, family and vivid memories they had of different historical events in their lifetime. All of these interviews were processed by the students, written into a biography of the residents lives and gifted as a book to the residents with a PowerPoint presentation shown on the final celebration day of the program.

This year was the school’s 5th year in the program and the students did not disappoint the program’s high expectations. Each of the students gave their presentation to an audience of residents, family members and staff on September 2nd. Every individual presentation was of exceptionally high quality and greatly appreciated by the residents and their families.

Personally, I really wanted to be a part of My Story Matters because I had heard that it was an experience you couldn’t miss. However when about 30 students volunteered who had the same notion, I thought I might not get in. I really enjoy listening to my grandparents stories and their first person perspective on events they had lived through, so this program was really the one for me and I felt very privileged to be selected. I loved hearing all of John’s (resident) stories and his take on the events he lived through. We spent a lot of time on the project but it was really enjoyable, the text was practically written for us, we just had to edit it to make it flow and make it presentable.

Overall, My Story Matters did not disappoint my expectations. It is a wonderful program and I learnt a lot about John and myself, his wisdom and insight were amazing.

Many thanks to Mrs Witenden, Mr Jones and Katrina at Osborne House for organising and making this opportunity available to us all.

Thomas Pascoe. Year 10

Ski Trip 2015

With the 2015 ski season declared the best snow we’ve seen in 10 years, along with a group of 48 awesome young people and an extremely experienced team from Optimum Outdoor Adventures and not forgetting the enthusiastic teachers and support parent, this year’s NAC Ski trip was bound to be a success and that’s exactly what it was! After a fun filled (but almost sleepless) bus trip to the beautiful Thredbo in the Snowy Mountains, we were all busting to get our ski gear on and to hit the slopes. With help from the guys from Optimum Adventures, we divided ourselves up into the various skiing and snowboarding abilities and started our snow adventure with some beneficial lessons. It is so difficult to summarise such a fantastic ski trip as there were so many great experiences but here are just some of the highlights for this year’s ski trip.

• Beginner Skiers as well as Snow Boarders displaying incredible stamina, courage, perseverance and massive improvement over the course of the weekend.
• Intermediate Skiers and Snow Boarders successfully managing to tackle some of the more challenging runs.
• Our more experienced students covering almost every inch of the slopes as they relished in the excellent conditions that Thredbo had to offer.
• Amazing accommodation at the beautiful River Inn, Thredbo. With direct access to Friday Flat, this allowed for maximum time on the ski fields.

A special mention should be said of the four Alumni students (Jordan Ball, Georgia Copley, Henry Morgan & Jorga Willmot) who joined us on this year’s ski trip. What a blessing it was for our current students and teachers to see these fine young adults keen to experience yet another NAC Ski Trip after enjoying previous NAC Ski Trips when attending NAC.
**Operation Art**

Recently Senior school Visual Arts students Emily Percival (year 10) and Cordelia Ewers and Rhyanon Sutton (year 8) were selected to represent Nowra Anglican College in the annual Operation Art Exhibition which is held in The Armoury Gallery at Sydney Olympic Park Homebush. This year the exhibition featured 878 works from independent and state schools across New South Wales.

Operation Art is about “kids creating art for sick kids”, and is an initiative of the Children’s Hospital at Westmead in collaboration with the Department of Education and Communities. It involves all NSW schools aged K-10 in creating artworks for children in hospital. The artworks aim to inspire and delight, helping to improve the wellbeing of children in hospital and playing a vital role in the recovery and healing process.

Our students submitted three very different artworks in drawing, watercolour and collage and worked hard on their entries in Term 1.

Both Cordelia Ewers and Rhyanon Sutton and their families travelled to Sydney to attend the official opening of the exhibition on Saturday the 5th of September along with a crowd of 4,000 others to see their works framed and hung in the gallery and really enjoyed the experience.

“I liked operation art because it was fun to see others displays. I would happily do it again.”

Rhyanon

I am also pleased to announce that Cordelia’s and Emily’s work have been further selected from Operation Art for continuing exhibitions in the Paw Pick Selection and The Office for the Children’s Guardian Selection.

Congratulations to all students involved in this very worthwhile exhibition and if you are in Sydney during the school holidays please support our students and visit the exhibition which is open until September 25th.

Mrs Robertson

Visual Arts teacher

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**Year 12 Chemistry Excursion**

Last Friday the Year 12 Chemistry class went on an excursion to the Australian National Maritime Museum. Every year the museum provides an interactive tour covering the topic 'Shipwrecks, Corrosion and Conservation', which is part of the HSC program module as an elective. Exploring the Electrochemistry topic, the students had an opportunity to learn about the ocean as an electrolyte and its reactions with various metals and alloys of metals, how corrosion takes place, and how shipwreck metal/alleys of metal artifacts are preserved and protected from further corrosion. The students were then able to complete their booklets as part of their assessment task.

A beautiful day with a beautiful bunch of students!

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**Peer Mediation**

On Friday 11th September, a number of Year 10 students participated in a training course in Peer Mediation. They learnt how to listen effectively, have empathy towards others and work towards positive outcomes.

Peer Mediation is an effective program where students are able to deal with minor conflicts and disputes in a safe environment. If issues are too big for the Peer Mediators to deal with, they will be referred to the Year Patron. Early next term, Peer Mediators will visit each year group and explain the Peer Mediation process in more detail. We hope that this peer-based mediation program will help students to resolve minor issues in a positive way before they escalate into larger issues.

The Peer Mediators are Isabelle Baccarini, Chloeann Murray, Emma Sloane, Jessica-Lee Kennedy, Hannah Jones, Jordan Hockey, Amy Ou, Kerri Gardiner, Emily Whitney, Natasha Neradil, Lara Pearce, Macauley Bate, Ruby Patrick, Jessica Ford-Jones, Lucy Schreurs, Bronte Heslehurst, Luke Goldman, Natasha Jeffery, Laura-May Connolly, Holly Villagra, Jasmine Mandle and Emily Duncan.

If you have any questions about this program, please contact Mrs Keturah Jones, Coordinator of Pastoral Care.

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**BRING YOUR OWN DEVICE**

If your child’s computing device has any problems the School Holidays would be a good time to have these attended to.
Thank you

As Term 3 comes to a close I would like to thank parents, carers, staff and students for the many things that have made this term memorable.

Last week we welcomed more than four hundred grandparents and special friends to our school. I want to thank everyone who helped make the day such a success. Thanks to the children and parents for providing lovely cakes for morning tea. Thanks to the P & F for serving hundreds of cups of coffee and tea. Thanks to our teachers for coordinating activities and a terrific art display. Thanks to our music teacher and Head of Performing Arts, Mrs Brown for organising a wonderful concert showcasing the musical talents of our children.

NAPLAN

Families will have received their NAPLAN reports by now. We are extremely pleased with the results with our school performing well above other schools in our region. The results are a testament to excellent teaching and high expectations of the children’s capacity.

We are particularly excited about the children who have shown much greater than expected growth. This is testament to high expectations of our students’ capacity to learn and to improve, to excellent teaching and to the students themselves who believe that through determination and hard work they can improve.

Enrolments

This term we welcomed fourteen new children into the Junior School. Next term ten more children will be starting. Our high standards and reputation for academic excellence is translating into strong enrolments for 2016. If you know of anyone who is considering enrolling their children into NAC I recommend that they don’t delay as a number of grades have reached or nearly reached capacity.

If you feel that there is something that needs to be considered for your child that you think we are not aware of, please put your request in writing to the Head of Junior School. While requests based on particular needs are carefully assessed, you will understand that we cannot make promises because there are quite often conflicting considerations.

We are blessed with a wonderful staff and it is generally not appropriate to request a particular teacher. The children will be informed of their class on Day One of 2016 and no changes to classes will be made after that time.

This week a short bulletin was distributed to Junior School families which included an events calendar for Term 4. We ask that you read the newsletter each fortnight for the latest updates and information.

As the children look forward to their holiday the Junior School staff thank you, our parents and carers, for your support over the past term.

Term 4 Calendar

Week 1
- Tue 6 Oct Staff Professional Development Day
- Wed 7 Oct Day One-Students

Week 2
- Mon 12 Oct Swimming School commences Year 2
- Wed 14 Oct Interrelate Years 5 & 6
- Fri 16 Oct CSSA Biathlon By nomination

Week 3
- Mon 19 Oct P & F meeting
- Tue 20 Oct IPSHA Gala Debating Day
- Wed 21 Oct Interrelate Years 5 & 6
- Thur 22 Oct Dragon Tag Year 6

Week 4
- Mon 26 Oct CSSA Tennis by nomination
- Wed 28 Oct Interrelate Year 6
- Thur 29 Oct JS Presentation Assembly (9.30am)

Week 5
- Mon 2 Nov CSSA State Boys Basketball Years 5 & 6
- Wed 4 Nov Interrelate Year 6
- Thur 5 Nov CSSA Cricket Skills Years 3 & 4

Week 6
- Mon 9 Nov CSSA State Girls Basketball Years 3 & 4
- Wed 11 Nov K-6 Orientation Day New students 2016

Week 7
- Mon 16 Nov P & F meeting
- Fri 20 Nov Year 7 Orientation Day

Week 8
- Tue 24 Nov Disco K-2: 2.15-3.15, 3-6: 3.30-4.30

Week 9
- Thur 3 Dec Christmas Chapel (9.30am)
- Volunteers Morning Tea (10.30am)
- Year 6 Graduation

Week 10
- Mon 7 Dec JS Presentation Day
- Tue 8 Dec Picnic Day
- Last day of school
Basketball Gala Day

Nowra Anglican College recently participated in both a boys and girls stage 2 basketball gala day. These days were both held at the Bomaderry basketball stadium.

In the boys competition we took two teams to compete in the day. Both teams played four games each. Our mostly Year 4 team won their first two games and lost their last two games. Our mostly Year 3 team had a loss a draw and two wins from their four games.

Considering that very few of our players had played basketball before it was an excellent result.

Two NAC teams competed in the girls gala day also. We had a Year 4 team and a Year 3 team. What the girls lacked in experience was more than made up for with enthusiasm.

Our Year 3 team started slowly, but soon warmed into their work. They ended the day with an equal amount of wins and losses. The girls, coached by Mrs Hawkes, had an excellent day and are very much looking forward to the gala day next year.

Our Year 4 team dominated their opposition throughout only conceding 2 baskets in their first four games. This qualified them for the final against an equally dominant Nowra Christian School team. It was an awesome game with the score being level for the majority of the game. Like all great games it went right down to the wire with NCS scoring with mere seconds to go. The girls fought hard but couldn’t make up the deficit.

All the girls did themselves proud and displayed excellent sportsmanship throughout the day.

CIS state athletics carnival

Five Nowra Anglican College students attended the CIS state athletics carnival in Sydney last week. Each student was involved in an event that they had won at the recent SASSA athletics carnival.

Bella Sebbens participated in the Junior shot put, Callum Geange competed in the Junior high jump, Phoebe Olds competed in the 11 year high jump, Alex Lees competed in the senior long jump and Harry Evans competed in the senior discus.

Everyone enjoyed the experience of competing at a very high level against very tough competition.

Family Fun Day at Bomaderry Community Preschool Saturday 12th September 2015

A wonderful day was had by all who attended our annual Family fun day last Saturday. Highlights of the day included; circus workshops, face painting, pony rides, clay sculpting, printing and pot painting. Our famous homemade Dahl, lemonade and chickpea curry was also very popular amongst us.

A very big thank you to everyone who was involved in anyway. The day takes an enormous amount of planning and preparation and we could not have such days without the support of staff, families, NAC and the wider community. THANK YOU!
The Nowra Cricket Club is running

MILO "In2Cricket" Program

for girls and boys aged 5-9 years.
It's fun way to learn new cricket skills.
The cost this year is only $75 - includes, Milo Back Pack, Cricket Bat/Ball, Shirt, Hat, Water Bottle and other great goodies.

Starting October 8th held on a Thursday afternoon 5-6:30pm at Nowra Showground.

Runs for 11 weeks. You will need to Register and pay online www.playcricket.com.au
Contact David Schofield - 0425 204 276