

Dear Parents & Friends of Kuyper,

Thursday 9 April 2020

In preparation for the Seussical, the Stage 5 Production students in my class have been working on building the stage in the Hall. Firstly, they cleaned the stage, laid cardboard and taped it all together before laying 3mm MDF, which they had to cut in order to ensure good fitment. They then proceeded to work on the paint. The first step was to prepare the stage for paint with masking tape and sheets of plastic. They then painted the stage with acrylic primer. After waiting a few days, they painted the stage with one coat of 'theatre black', and then another the next day.

However, during this process, we learnt that the upcoming Seussical rehearsal was cancelled.

This presented a difficult situation. Stage 5 Production put in a lot of work in order to prepare the stage for the rehearsals. Students also put in a lot of work with regards to costuming, sound and lighting preparation and other roles, but now due to the fluid situation of the COVID-19 pandemic, we are unsure of how the Seussical will run this year.

At our church, a leader's family was preparing and committing to uproot their lives in Western-Sydney and move to Tasmania in order to aid the churches there. They were convicted of this decision in 2019 and had many conversations with a variety of different organisations and families in the lead-up to their final decision, which was to go and live in Tasmania. However, on the very week they planned to leave, Tasmania's borders were shut, leaving the family in confusion.

I'm sure that you would know similar stories of families who find themselves now in these sorts of situations. My wife and I have spent a great deal of time planning and preparing a camp which we direct in the Easter holidays, but due to the virus, it has now been cancelled.

As humans, we all have an innate desire to understand and to know, and usually the number one thing that we want to know is the condition of our own lives. These current, unexpected circumstances expose the misplaced faith which we all have to some degree, in our ability to control our own circumstances.

None of us knows how exactly this virus will affect our future, but let's use this circumstance to shift the placement of our faith towards the One who actually holds it all together.

*Many are the plans in the mind of a man, but it is the purpose of the LORD that will stand.*  
Proverbs 19:21

May God be the rock we choose to stand firm on.

Yours in Christ, Mr Cavens



## Notes & Reminders

**The Office will be closed** for the coming school holidays **from Tuesday 14 April until Friday 24 April.**

If you have any questions regarding **fees or payments**, please email [finance@kuyper.nsw.edu.au](mailto:finance@kuyper.nsw.edu.au)

Please direct all other enquires to [admin@kuyper.nsw.edu.au](mailto:admin@kuyper.nsw.edu.au)

We look forward to communicating with you all in Curriculum Week.

Our **Prayer meetings** will now be held online from **7pm until 7:30pm, Wednesday 15 April.** All families are welcome to join in. This is a new format and we hope it will make it possible for more parents, grandparents and carers to join us from home. Follow the link below:

<https://meet.google.com/dbp-znzy-gxo>

## Prayer & Praise

- Give thanks that God is our God and He is always with us! Give thanks for our country and our leaders. Pray for all who live here as we negotiate the threat of the Coronavirus; pray for peace, compassion, and truth.
- Continue to pray for communities and individuals struggling with the effects of drought, bushfires, sickness and unemployment.
- Continue to pray for ongoing healing for all damage to Makayla's body, including her spine. Pray for peace and hope as they continue on this journey.
- Continue to pray for the Miller family and for Josh. Give thanks for improvements and answered prayer this week. Pray for healing, wisdom, hope, strength and stamina for all on this long journey.

## School Calendar

### April

- Thur 9 Last Day Term 1
- Fri 10 Good Friday
- Wed 15 Online Prayer & Boarding mtgs, 7pm
- Sat 25 ANZAC Day
- Mon 27 Curriculum (Pupil Free) Week begins

### May

- Mon 4 First Day Term 2—Revised Date**
- Wed 20 Online Prayer & Boarding mtgs, 7pm

### June

- Wed 17 Online Prayer & Boarding mtgs, 7pm

### July

- Fri 3 Last Day Term 2
- Wed 15 Online Prayer & Boarding mtgs, 7pm
- Mon 20 First Day Term 3—Revised Date**

### Aug

- Wed 19 Online Prayer & Boarding mtgs, 7pm

### Sept

- Wed 16 Online Prayer & Boarding mtgs, 7pm
- Fri 25 Last Day Term 3

### Oct

- Sat 3 St John's Wilberforce bicentennial
- Mon 12 First Day Term 4
- Mon 12 Whole School Celebration, 9am
- Wed 21 Prayer & Board Meetings, 7pm
- Sat 24 Term 4 Working Bee, 8am—12noon

### Nov

- Wed 11 9/10 Urban Challenge campers depart
- Wed 11 Whole School Celebration, 2:30pm
- Thur 12 Year 12 Graduation Celebration, 4pm
- Thur 12 Year 12 Graduation Dinner, Loxley
- Fri 13 9/10 Urban Challenge campers return
- Wed 18 Prayer & Board Meetings, 7pm

Dear Parents and Students,

It's my prayer that God is keeping you and your loved ones close to himself during this time of possible fear and uncertainty. I will still be available for students who need emotional support, Biblical encouragement and prayer.

If you would like to contact me, please feel free to either email me (mhottinger@kuyper.nsw.edu.au) and we can chat via email, or we can schedule a phone call. You can also call the school on 4573 2999

We have an awesome God. He loves us more than we can know or understand. He has a plan and despite ANY circumstance we can trust him. This will never change...

*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.*  
(Hebrews 13:8)

I look forward to hearing from you.

With every blessing in Him, Mike Hottinger (Chaplain)

Also, here are some other services that can help:

**Kids Helpline** 1800 56 1800

**Lifeline** 13 11 14

**Mental Health Line** 1800 011 511

**Suicide Callback Service** 1300 659 467

**Headspace** 1800 650 890 or <https://headspace.org.au/eheadspace/>

**Beyondblue** 1300 22 46 36 or <https://www.beyondblue.org.au/get-support/get-immediate-support>

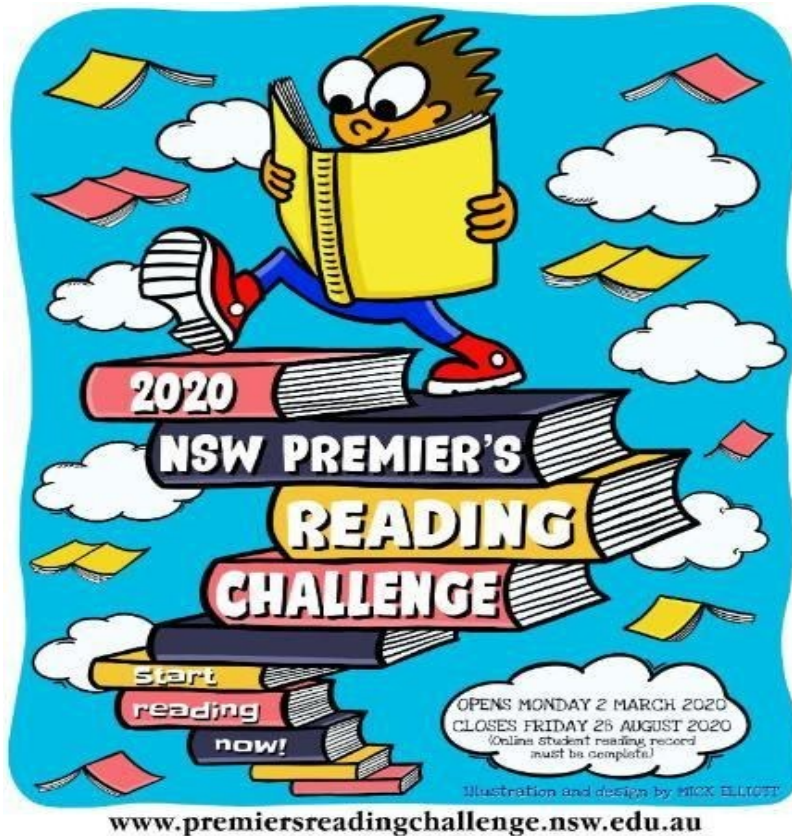


Mr Bill Rusin arrives at Kuyper in Term 2, teaching Science and PDHPE in the Senior School.

Mr Rusin has a long 30 year history in Christian Schooling, recently finishing a successful 13 year principalship at Covenant Christian School in Belrose.

We are blessed to have him as part of the Kuyper Team for the remainder of the year. Mr Rusin will replace Mrs Kewley as she takes maternity leave to have her first child. We wish Mrs Kewley all the best with the coming arrival and look forward to an announcement soon.





## NSW Premier's Reading Challenge has begun!

The Challenge opened on Monday 2 March 2020 and closes at 11:59pm on Friday 28 August 2020.

Students must read a certain number of books to complete the Challenge. What a great opportunity to read with your kids and enjoy books together, particularly if you are all home together!

Each student has a student log in and password for the NSW Premier's Reading Challenge. The Premier's Reading Challenge list of books is easily accessible on the website. There is also a student page where students can search for books and log their reading. Just follow the link below:

[www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au](http://www.premiersreadingchallenge.nsw.edu.au)

K-2 Challenge: you can read the books on your own, read them with someone, or someone can read them to you.

3/4, 5/6 and 7/9 Challenges: you must read the books on your own, but someone can help you choose them.

Year	Total Books	Minimum PRC Books	Own Choice Books	PRC Lists to choose from
K—2	30	25	5	K—2, 3—4, 5—6
3—4	20	15	5	3—4, 5—6, 7—9
5—6	20	15	5	5—6, 7—9
7—9	20	15	5	5—6, 7—9

Student login and passwords will be emailed home this week. Let's enjoy this Challenge together. Please email me if you have any questions about the Reading Challenge at [jkean@kuyper.nsw.edu.au](mailto:jkean@kuyper.nsw.edu.au)

Yours in Christ, Jo Kean  
Teacher Librarian



# Seussical JR.

Due to the current situation, all rehearsals for Seussical have been postponed, but that doesn't mean our Principals can't be practicing at home:

Horton = Cameron Clarke, Cat in the Hat = Seth Beckhaus,

Mayzie = Jade Spillane, Gertrude = Georgia Huntington,

JoJo = Alyssa Thornton, Sour Kangaroo = Jade Thomson,

Mrs Mayor = Ellie Shaw,

(some) Bird Girls = Charlotte McDonagh, Alaura McCaull, Angelina Mitchell

We look forward to getting back together soon!