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Prayer Bulletin

From the Principal ...

What do you think is the very best thing about the Christian life? I suppose there are many good answers to that question. One good answer is: *forgiveness*. The Lord Jesus Christ summed up the message to be proclaimed in his name to all the nations of the world as "repentance and *the forgiveness of sins*" (Lk 24:47; cf. Acts 13:38).

When we pray it is important to remember that we pray *as forgiven sinners*. God hears and answers our prayers because we have been forgiven. This is not only important because if we were not forgiven we would not dare to approach Almighty God, but also as we approach him we know that our prayers are far from what they ought to be. When we pray, do we have the reverence for God that we ought? Rarely is our heart truly "broken and contrite" (Ps 51:17). Even as we pray we need his forgiveness for our irreverence! When we pray, do we long with all our heart for God's will to be done? At best we only approach this ideal. And so even as we pray, we need God's forgiveness for our worldly and selfish desires. When we pray, do we trust God fully? Our trust is always mingled with doubt. Again, even as we pray, we need God's forgiveness for our unbelief.

We pray in the context of forgiveness. We do not pray to a stern God who demands perfection in our prayers, but because of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ we pray to a Heavenly Father who forgives our faltering efforts to bring our requests to him. We do not have to wait until we are in the "right" frame of mind, or until we can find just the "right" words. What we pray and how we pray will always be tarnished by imperfection and ignorance. But we pray to a God who forgives.

Our freedom to pray comes from this forgiveness – the forgiveness that the gospel of Jesus proclaims. If our prayers were to be judged by the standards of God's holiness and goodness, then all of our prayers would deserve to be rejected by him. But that is not how it is. Our Heavenly Father pardons even our faulty prayers, and mercifully hears them.

So let us pray!

John Woodhouse

PRAYING FOR OUR EXITING STUDENTS

Accompanying this Prayer Bulletin is a separate Exiting Students Prayer Booklet. The booklet contains specific prayer points for each student as well as some general prayer points for all students inside the front cover.

We have divided the students over the weeks of December to February. The number in brackets after the person's name refers to the page number on which they appear in the booklet. We hope you find this helpful.

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DECEMBER 2011

Focus for December

- **Exiting students for 2011**
- **Registrar's Department finalising results**
- **Christmas services and events**

Week 1: Thursday, 1 December – Sunday, 11 December

- **Term 4 Correspondence Course commences 1 December.** Pray that many people will enrol in the Correspondence Course in order to get to know God better.
- On 30 August the College received notification that it had been approved as an **Institution with Self-Accrediting Authority (SAA)**. This represented the successful completion of many years of hard work by a team of people within the College, most notably Alan Höhne. Please give thanks for this result and for the efforts of so many to achieve it.
- On 4 November **Alan Höhne** was called home to his Father in heaven. Give thanks for Alan's contribution to so many aspects of the College over the last 16 years. Pray particularly for his wife Julie and children, David and Leanne, and their families, and also for the College community as they grieve Alan's death.
- Lisa Dorman (p2), Jen Barry (p2), Elysha Cole (p4), Ben English (p6), Adam Wall (p9), Jason Au (p10), Steve (p11) and Anna (p11) Boxwell, Douglas Fyfe (p14), Nathan Lowery (p16), Michael Morrow (p17), Chris Nicholls (p18).

Week 2: Monday, 12 December – Sunday, 18 December

- Pray for God to be at work through his Spirit as students and Faculty are involved in outreach and training events over the summer break.
- Give thanks for the hard work and faithfulness of **Faculty** members and pray that they will be refreshed over the summer and be able to spend quality time with their families. Pray for their research and preparation over the summer break.
- Give thanks for the hard work of the staff of the **Registrar's Department** and pray for them to be strengthened in godliness with contentment as they undertake the demanding tasks of finalising end of year results and preparing for incoming students in 2012.
- Angus Falla (p2), Naomi Mills (p2), Rebecca Jee (p4), Sally Coombes (p6), Lincoln Moe (p8), Danny Au Yeung (p10), Andrew Errington (p14), Simon Jackson (p16).

Week 3: Monday, 19 December – Sunday, 25 December

- Pray particularly for those involved in Christmas services and evangelistic events. Pray that the true meaning of Christmas might be boldly proclaimed to all and that we might rejoice in God's amazing goodness to us in sending Jesus into the world.
- Give thanks for the many godly and gifted full-time and part-time students at College this past year and pray that what they have learnt will enable them to know God more fully and make him known more faithfully. Pray that many more people might be drawn to make use of the College's part-time courses to grow as disciples and to be equipped for serving their churches and that God will guide many to want to prepare for a lifetime of serving him through our full-time program.
- Please pray for those involved with the **financial administration** of the College as the year end of 31 December brings added pressures and tasks to be performed. Pray for patience and the ability to allocate tasks using time wisely.
- Pray for grace for students as they receive their **exam results** before Christmas. Pray that they will be wise and measured in their responses. Pray especially for those who will need to sit supplementary exams.
- Sally Davidson (p3), Andy Hobbs (p3), Sarah Cowling (p5), Kate Kristensen (p7), Stephen Bell (p11), Mark Earngey (p13), Stephen Gardner (p14), Michael Leong (p16), Matthew Payne (p18), Reuben Salagaras (p19), Ben Waters (p20).

Week 4: Monday, 26 December – Sunday, 1 January

- Give thanks for the work of **External Studies**. In particular thank God for progress in the Swahili and Russian translation projects, for continued growth in Latin America, especially Cuba, and for opportunities to share about the work of External Studies in churches and at conferences. Please pray for the completion of the Chinese online course and for more churches to see the value of the courses for training and growth. Pray too for External Studies' staff in the midst of the demands and pressures of serving 5,000 students around the world.
- Give thanks for all that the **exiting students** have learnt during their time at College and pray that God will set before each of them open doors for the gospel. Pray that he will enable them to proclaim Christ clearly and boldly wherever he leads them now and in the future.
- Give thanks for **Andrew Ford** and his service at the College as a member of the Faculty over the last 5 years. Pray for Andrew and Kylie and their family as Andrew leaves College to take up the position of Director of Pastoral Care and Theology at Anglicare. Give thanks that he will maintain links with College.
- Tim Baker (p2), Kirstie Ross (p4), Nick (p17) & Elizabeth (p8) Moll, Ben Adamo (p10), Kimberley Baker (p11), Dan Bidwell (p11), Kester Hamilton (p15), Bruce Pass (p18).

JANUARY 2012

Focus for January

- **New students for 2012**
- **Property Maintenance Department**
- **Students moving into College**

Week 1: Monday, 2 January – Sunday, 8 January

- Please pray for perseverance in study over the summer break for students who need to sit supplementary exams in January.
- Ask God for smooth transitions for **students moving into College accommodation**. Pray for them as they settle into new neighbourhoods. Give thanks for the College communities and pray that they will welcome the newcomers. Pray too for wisdom for College staff in managing the change over for student housing this year as new leasing arrangements come into play.
- Pray that **incoming students** would look forward to their time at College and be eager to study God's word. Pray particularly for the adjustments necessary for those coming from interstate and overseas.
- Anna Fifield (p3), Nicole Knight (p6), Matt Lovell (p7), Elissa Moran (p8), Priya Atputharaj (p10), James Brennan (p12), Anita Chui (p13), Nick Gauci (p15).

Week 2: Monday, 9 January – Sunday, 15 January

- Pray for the Governing Board as it oversees the College's work. Please pray for wisdom and discernment as matters are discussed and decisions taken.
- Pray that students will have a refreshing break before returning to study.
- Pray for Neil Ferguson and the **Property Maintenance Department** over the break. Give thanks for the acquisition of some second hand office furniture and shelving to be used throughout the campus. Give thanks for the funds to employ some casual staff this year and pray for safety for them over the summer vacation as they assist the three person property team. Give thanks for the provision of a new carpentry apprentice Connor Morey and pray for him and the property team as Connor settles in.
- Chris (p18) and Stephanie (p3) Overhall, Julie Reynolds (p4), Kirsten Sandell (p8), James Brooks (p12), John Cooper (p13), Ben France (p14), John Huynh (p15).

Week 3: Monday, 16 January – Sunday, 22 January

- Give thanks for the new **Priscilla & Aquila Centre** website (paa.moore.edu.au) with more resources being uploaded each week, and also a Positions Vacant page for women to hear about jobs. Please pray for wisdom for Jane Tooher as she works out the seminars the Centre will host in 2012 for women in vocational ministry. Pray too for the conference on February 6 that is looking at 1 & 2 Timothy. Pray that many men and women will come, that it will be a helpful time for them all, and that the speakers will prepare well over the summer.
- **Supplementary exams commence (16 January)**. Please pray for clarity of thought for those sitting supplementary exams.
- Please pray for the **library staff** – that they will be good servants of Christ Jesus and show his love to all that they meet in the Library and beyond.
- Give thanks for the time that **Mark and Jennie Baddeley** have been able to spend in Oxford while Mark has been working on his doctorate. Pray for them and their two boys (Jonathan and Samuel) as they head back to Australia to take up a position at Queensland Theological College.
- Pray that our **exiting students** might be consistent in giving a priority to prayer and that prayer would be their instinctual reaction to the situations they face.
- Daniel Kiat (p3), Jonny Lam (p7), Dave Thompson (p9), Emily Carpenter (p12), Tim Grant (p15), Anton Marquez (p17), Nick Russell (p19), Daniel Saunders (p19).

Week 4: Monday, 23 January – Sunday, 29 January

- Pray for Paul Williamson and Brian Rosner as they commence a semester of study leave. Pray that their research projects will bring blessing to them, the College and the wider church over time.
- **Big Day In - Orientation & Welcome Day (28 January)**. Please pray that this day will be a useful time for all incoming students and will provide good opportunities to get to know other students and their families.
- Pray for the **Faculty and staff** of the College. Give thanks for the way they serve the students and the entire College community. Pray that they might work well together and that they might really enjoy the fellowship of the College community.
- Pray that the decisions of our **exiting students** (in ministry and in life more generally) might be consciously and consistently shaped by the theology they have learnt from the Scriptures.
- Claire Reinthal (p4), Sarah Lancaster (p7), Geoff Chambers (p12), Craig McCorkindale (p17), Stephen McGuinness (p17), Michael Snowdon (p20).

FEBRUARY 2012

Focus for February

- **Greek Intensive and Orientation for First Year students**
- **Ordination (4 February)**
- **Priscilla & Aquila Conference (6 February)**

Week 1: Monday, 30 January – Sunday, 5 February

- **Evening Course commences (30 January - 2 February).** Pray that students are stimulated and stretched in their thinking and for lecturers as they prepare.
- **Greek Intensive and Orientation for First Year students (30 January - 10 February).** Give thanks for the start of the College year for new students. Pray that they will have energy to cope with these first few weeks of Greek study in particular. Pray too that registration for these students will go smoothly.
- **Summer Hebrew Intensive for Year 2 (30 January - 10 February).** Pray that the students will learn much from this course.
- **Diocese of Sydney Ordination Service (4 February).** Pray for the graduates of the College being ordained to serve the churches in Sydney.
- Jasmine Simpson (p5), Nikki Hokin (p6), Dan Lee (p16), Gavin Oram (p18), Sam Russell (p19).

Week 2: Monday, 6 February – Sunday, 12 February

- **The Priscilla & Aquila Centre conference – 1 & 2 Timothy (6 February).**
- Pray that the **New Testament Summer Intensives for Year 2 (7 February) and Year 3 (8 February)** will be a good time of learning.
- Give thanks for the opportunity for Peter Bolt to take a tour group to **Israel and Jordan** from 30 January to 15 February. Please pray for safety in travel. Pray too that the group will experience rich Christian fellowship together and that their commitment to Christ and his good news will be strengthened by walking where he lived, died and rose again.
- **Correspondence Course** Term 1 commences on 1 March. Please pray for staff at this very busy time, dealing with enquiries and getting material out to students.
- Fiona May (p7), Adrian Foxcroft (p14), Kate Haggar (p15), Mike Southon (p20).

Week 3: Monday, 13 February – Sunday, 19 February

- **Semester 1 Term 1 commences (13 February)**. Give thanks for the start of lectures for the College year. Pray that God's word will be clearly explained and that the students will grow in their knowledge of God and their love for him so that they might serve him faithfully. Give thanks for the opportunity for the College to join together for a Community BBQ after the Lord's Supper Service to mark the start of the year.
- Pray for **Warren Darwall and the kitchen staff** as they begin to serve daily meals to the entire College. Give thanks for their commitment to the welfare of the students and Faculty and pray for energy and stamina for them.
- The **Correspondence Course exams** are happening at the moment (**11 – 25 February**). Pray that the students will be well prepared for the exams, but more importantly, that they will have come to a deeper knowledge of the Lord.
- Pray for **Tara (formerly Thornley) and Ian Stenhoue** as they begin married life, following their wedding in November. Pray particularly that Tara will cope well with the commute to College and that they will serve God faithfully as a family unit.
- Jodie McIver (p8), Sarah Cheng (p12), Andy Clemens (p13), Stanley (p16).

Week 4: Monday, 20 February – Wednesday, 29 February

- Pray that, as our students study the word of God and seek to proclaim it to others, they will allow it to have its impact on their own lives. Ask God that they will continue to grow in their knowledge and love of God and that they will live lives of godliness.
- Give thanks to God for his help and guidance of the team of dedicated workers in the Registrar's Department.
- Pray for preparations for the **Graduation** service on March 19 and for Andrew Cameron who will be the speaker. Pray that arrangements might proceed smoothly and that Andrew will clearly explain the gospel that motivates our exiting students to serve Christ. Pray that graduating students will have a passion to share Jesus before all else.
- Pray that our **exiting students** might give relationships a priority over activity and that they might actively seek to keep internal pressures from spilling over into the way they treat their families and those they serve.
- Claire Shaw (p5), Tim Johnson (p6), Dan Au (p10), Elliot Temple (p20).

