



**MOORE**  
COLLEGE

**September -  
November 2011**

## **Prayer Bulletin**

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*From the Principal ...*

*The power, effectiveness and value of our prayers does not depend on their quality – certainly not on the qualities of the person praying. This applies to both the manner and the content of our prayers. Often we do not know what to pray (Rom 8:26), and frequently we know our spiritual weakness more when we pray than at any other time.*

*We pray, not because our prayers are good, wise or powerful, but because the one to whom our prayers are addressed is all of those things. He is perfectly able to answer the prayers that come from mixed motives, confused thinking and anxious, weak faith.*

*This does not excuse laziness, thoughtlessness or ill discipline in our prayers. It does, however, remind us that in prayer we turn away from ourselves to the one “who is able to do far more abundantly than all that we ask or think” (Eph 3:20). There is no sense in despairing at our weak and foolish prayers. All depends on God, and he is “able to make all grace abound to you” (2 Cor 9:8).*

*Psalm 107 describes various groups of people whose prayers the Lord answered. This refrain is repeated:*

*Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble,  
and he delivered them from their distress (Ps 107:6, 13, 19, 28)*

*One group of whom this is said is described as follows:*

*Some were fools through their sinful ways,  
and because of their iniquities suffered affliction (Ps 107:17)*

*And yet the Lord heard and answered even their prayers!*

*We pray, not because we are good, but because God is merciful – not because we are spiritual giants, but because the Lord is gentle with us – not because we know what is best, but because our heavenly Father is “of infinite power, wisdom and goodness.”*

*John Woodhouse*

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## Focus for September

- **New students for 2012**
- **Spring break (3-18 September)**
- **School of Theology (14-15 September)**
- **Open Day and Spring Carnival (24 September)**
- **External Studies department**
- **College finances**

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## Week 1: Thursday, 1 September – Sunday, 4 September

- Please pray that God would convict people of the need to know him deeply and one way they can do this is to devote time to **full-time study**.
- **Spring Break (3-18 September)** Please pray that this will be a refreshing break for students and Faculty.
- Give thanks for the availability of **College housing** for many students. With the finalisation this week of the allocation of housing for next year, please pray that those who have missed out will be able to find suitable alternative accommodation.
- Term 3 **External studies** Correspondence Course commences. Pray for the staff as they process the enrolments and get the notes out to the students. Pray that many people will want to know God at a deeper level and enrol in the courses.
- **Andrew and Mary-Anne Cameron (Faculty)** Pray for refreshment for Andrew and Mary-Anne as Andrew is on leave this term. May it prepare him for whatever needs doing next. Pray for Mary-Anne as she spends much of her time caring for elderly relatives. Pray that she will discern what they need, and respond with grace. Pray for Amy as she nears the end of her ministry apprenticeship with St Andrew's School and Cathedral. Pray for her ongoing maturity in Christ, and that she'll be ready for study at UTS next year. Pray for Thomas to get used to serious study with School Certificate exams coming up. Pray also for his relationships with friends, that he'll know how to influence them well. Give thanks for the three churches they attend: St Thomas's Rozelle; St Barnabas Broadway (Newtown); and Cottage Church Erskineville. Pray they would grow quality relationships there, and for these churches to grow them up in Christ.

## Week 2: Monday, 5 September – Sunday, 11 September

- Pray for a favourable response to our application for **self-accrediting institution status**. Give thanks for Alan Höhne's immense effort in getting the College to this point.
- The majority of exam papers are posted to **Correspondence Course students** (PTC) and then to the markers. Please pray that the post will deliver the parcels quickly. Pray for the **Evening Course** students as they prepare for and sit their exams (2-15 September).
- **Jess Khor (Year 1)** Praise God for the opportunity to study his word for another semester. Thank him for the recent opportunity to teach PTC in India. Pray that God would use those 120 pastors to teach his word faithfully and grow his church.
- **Mark and Kathyn Thompson (Faculty)** Give thanks for their long service leave. Pray that their travels as a family will provide them with wonderful shared experiences, great times with old friends and refreshed bodies and souls ready for the work God has prepared for them.
- **Gary Nelson (External Studies)** had cataract surgery on 23 August – pray for a quick recovery with no complications.

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## Week 3: Monday, 12 September – Sunday, 18 September

- **The School of Theology** (14-15 September) *True Feelings – Emotions in Christian Life and Ministry*. Richard Gibson, Andrew Cameron, Keith Condie, Gerald Bray, David Höhne, Michael Jensen, Rhys Bezzant, David Peterson, Peter Bolt and Rob Smith will be speaking. Please pray for them as they prepare and deliver their papers.
- Pray for **John Woodhouse** speaking at conferences in Singapore 12-19 September.
- Give thanks for **those who generously support the College financially**. Praise God for raising up new donors and that people who have given in the past have been moved to give again.
- Pray for those preparing budgets for 2012 that they may be given wisdom and good judgement in maintaining the values of the College while working within constraints. Pray for the new **General Manager, Campbell Capel**, as he guides various departments in adjusting to times of financial constraint.
- Give thanks for the two **fundraising dinners** with Alfred Olwa. Pray for Sue Bennett and Vicki King as they work with donors and supporters of the College.
- **David and Amelia Höhne (Faculty)** Give thanks for their long service leave and the opportunity to travel overseas and visit friends. As they return in September, pray that they will be refreshed as a family and ready for school and work.

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## Week 4: Monday, 19 September – Sunday, 25 September

- **David and Catherine McLennan (Year 2)** Please pray that God will grant wisdom as they explore possibilities for future ministry (at this stage with the Canberra-Goulburn diocese). Pray for them and their four children, that they will gladly trust God in the uncertainties of their future.
  - With the closing date for international applications approaching at the end of this month, pray for **overseas students** planning to attend College next year. Pray particularly that they will be conscious of God's leading as they make the many significant decisions involved in choosing to come to Moore College.
  - **Open Day and Spring Carnival (24 September)** Pray that this will be a great day of fun for College families and that those attending the Open Day will have their questions answered and be better informed about the benefits of studying at Moore College. Pray that many will decide to join us next year.
  - **Danny and Helena Ford (Year 2)** Pray they will continue to be nourished and grounded as they fix their eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, and that they would care for their children, Micah and Isabelle, and help them to also look towards Jesus.
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## Open Day & Spring Carnival

**Saturday 24th September 2011**

9.30am to 2.30pm in Moore College grounds  
(go to 1 King Street Newtown for directions)

BBQ lunch provided at 12 noon

Information sessions at 10.30am and 1.30pm

### Program

9.30am	Start of Open Day
10.00am	Morning Tea
10.30am	Info Session #1
12.00 noon	BBQ Lunch
1.30pm	Info Session #2
2.30pm	End of Open Day

## Focus for October

- **Governing Board of College**
  - **Week of prayer (10-14 October)**
  - **Diocese of Sydney Synod (10-12, 17-18 October)**
  - **Exiting students seeking ministry positions for next year**
  - **Priscilla and Aquila Centre**
  - **Finance and Administration Department**
  - **John Woodhouse**
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## Week 1: Monday, 26 September – Sunday, 2 October

- **Rob and Ros Doyle (Faculty)** Give much thanks for what they felt was time well spent in South Africa at George Whitefield College (Rob) and working in the hospital system (Ros). Please pray for GWC as it looks for a new Principal on the retirement of David Seccombe at the end of 2012. Please pray as they host the wedding of our daughter (Sarah) and her American fiancé in October, with quite a few visitors coming from the U.S.A.
- **Victor and Claire Shaw (Years 3 and 1)** Give thanks for 18 months of marriage. Please pray for them as they seek the Lord's will for their future after Victor finishes College in 2012. They are not sure how and where they should serve.
- Pray for those **students completing courses at the end of the year and seeking ministry positions for next year**. Pray that they will be open to God's leading and will seek to serve him faithfully. Pray that those who know where they will be serving will be able to concentrate as they finish their studies and pray for sensitivity towards those who are not yet settled for next year.
- **Keith and Sarah Condie (Faculty)** Give thanks for God's constant goodness, the blessings of family life, the provision of a great job for their daughter Susannah, and a wonderful period of prac teaching in Coonabarabran for their son Michael. Please pray for perseverance and wisdom for their son Jonathan as he studies for his HSC exams in October. Pray that the Lord would sustain each member of their family in the various ministries they are involved in, that they would be faithful and that their labours might bear much fruit to his glory.

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## Week 2: Monday, 3 October – Sunday, 9 October

- Praise God for the launch of the new **Priscilla and Aquila Centre** website (paa.moore.edu.au). Pray that it will grow to be a great resource for many as they seek to serve Jesus and his church. Please pray that some will want to give financially for the work of the Centre generally and so they can begin to offer post-graduate scholarships for women studying at Moore.
- Registration is now open for the Priscilla and Aquila Centre conference in 2012 on 1 & 2 Timothy. Please pray for the speakers as they prepare and that many people will come.
- **Joel and Lyn Nankervis (Year 1)** Pray that their love for God and each other may continually increase. For wisdom for future ministry decisions. Pray for two seriously ill family members, for healing and a knowledge and love of Christ.
- **Andrew and Jean Shead (Faculty)** Give thanks for God's kindness to them as a family, and pray that they would keep growing in their appreciation of his grace. Pray for Jean as she settles into a new job, for Andrew as he balances teaching, research and administration, and for the children (Katie, David and Sophie) as they study and enjoy their friends at school, that in all things they would put their trust in the Lord and live to please him in every way.

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## Week 3: Monday, 10 October – Sunday, 16 October

- **Week of prayer (11-15 October)** Give thanks for the privilege of bringing everything to God in prayer and for the opportunity to suspend many regular activities at College this week to delight in this privilege. Pray that the students, Faculty and staff will be encouraged by this week of focusing on prayer.
- **Diocese of Sydney Synod (10-12, 17-18 October)** Pray for Faculty involved in Synod. Pray that they will make valuable contributions to the debates in Synod and for energy as they lecture during the days and attend Synod in the evenings.
- Pray for the **Governing Board of the College** and its various committees. Thank God for the God given diverse skills and talents that the Board members bring to their task. Pray for wisdom and discernment as, under God, they chart the way ahead for the College. May He enable them to give the due time to the various challenges and decisions before them.
- **Evening Course commences (10-13 October)** Please pray for those delivering the lectures that they will make time to prepare the required material. Pray also that it will be a time when students are stimulated and stretched in their thinking.

## Week 4: Monday, 17 October – Sunday, 23 October

- Give thanks for the opportunity for College students to teach **Scripture** classes in two local schools, North Newtown Public School and Darlington Public School. Pray that many children in these schools might come to put their trust in Jesus as a result of what they hear in Scripture lessons. Pray that this wonderful opportunity might always remain in our public schools.
  - **Jacque Woods (Year 1)** Give thanks for the great opportunity to come to College and to continue to grow in her knowledge and understanding of God and his gospel. Pray that God will give her wisdom and guidance as she shares what she is learning with her non-Christian family. Thank God for the opportunity to train and be involved in ministry at Christ Church Gladesville.
  - Pray for **part-time students** preparing for exams, particularly those also balancing full-time work and family life.
  - Give thanks for the faithful ministry of **John Woodhouse** as Principal of the College and pray for wisdom for John as the College undergoes many changes. Give thanks for John's Study Leave in Semester 1 and for progress on his commentary on 2 Samuel.
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## Week 5: Monday, 24 October – Sunday, 30 October

- Pray for students to be wise and disciplined in their use of time leading up to exams. Pray that they will prepare well, but also fulfill their other responsibilities in their families, church and other relationships.
- **James Mittelstadt (Year 2)** Please pray for James' non-Christian family members (who were once believers) to return to Christ.
- **Term 4 concludes (28 October)** Give thanks for all that the students have learned from their lectures throughout the year.
- **David and Traci Mitchell (Year 3)** Give thanks for the birth of their first child, Daphne Grace Mitchell (25/7). She is healthy and Traci is recovering well. Pray especially for health and growth (physically, mentally and spiritually) for all of them.
- Please pray for those who work behind the scenes in **Finance and Administration**. Pray that they may be encouraged in the contribution they make to training men and women for life-long Christian ministry. Pray that their particular skills and knowledge may be used effectively and efficiently.

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## Focus for November

- **Stuvac (31 October-4 November)**
- **Students sitting exams (7-16 November)**
- **Kitchen staff**
- **Graduating Students Dinner (17 November)**
- **Lord's Supper and Community Lunch (18 November)**

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## Week 1: Monday, 31 October – Sunday, 6 November

- **Stuvac (31 October-4 November)** Pray for effective study for the students as they prepare for their exams. Pray that this week will be a worthwhile time of drawing together what they have learnt and that those who find exams stressful might know the peace of God through it all. Pray that their families will be able to support them appropriately and that they will grow in their knowledge of God as they study.
- Pray for staff as the end of the year is busy with housing, students moving, exams and results, and preparations for the new year.
- Pray for families living on the **Newtown, Croydon Park and North Parramatta campuses** that they will grow in godliness as they balance the special joys and unique trials of living in close communities. Pray particularly for those about to farewell neighbours and welcome new ones. Pray that the communities will adjust quickly and that they will be welcoming to the newcomers over the next few months.
- Give thanks for the staff in the **Registrar's Department** and pray for God to strengthen them in the demanding work of dealing with end of year exams while preparing for next year.
- **Jon and Morwenna Baird (Year 1)** Pray for their marriage that they will grow together in Christ and love for each other. Pray they will faithfully love their son, Samuel. Ask God to provide for their needs in 2012 as they move from Wollongong to Sydney.

## Week 2: Monday, 7 November – Sunday, 13 November

- **End of year examinations (7-16 November)** Pray that students will be able to recall all they have learnt. Pray that they will cope well with the stress of exams.
- **Kylie Zietsch (Year 2)** Give praise for her recent trip to South Africa visiting friends. Pray that she would diligently study God's word and have energy and passion when teaching it, particularly to her young women's bible study group at Church.
- **Steve and Laura Blyth (Year 3)** Please pray for Laura that she would be healthy, physically and mentally, as the arrival of their first baby draws near in November. Pray that God would help them be good parents when the baby comes and that he would keep them strong as a couple. Praise God for his care in providing such a supportive new church family in Gladesville this year.
- Give thanks for the team of **Hospital Visitors** who visit all new Mums at RPA Hospital on behalf of Mothers Union. Pray that they will know God's help as they visit each week with gifts and will be able to make the most of this great opportunity.
- **Gus and Sarah Cameron (Year 1)** Thank God for their recent marriage and pray that they would grow together in love for our Lord Jesus and that they would serve him, his people and each other.

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## Week 3: Monday, 14 November – Sunday, 20 November

- Pray for **Warren Darwall and the kitchen staff** as they prepare for two very significant meals at the end of this week. Give thanks for their godliness and their tireless work for the College community throughout the year and pray that they will cope well with the pressures of this very busy week.
- **Graduating Students Dinner (17 November)** Give thanks for the opportunity to celebrate all that the students have learnt in their time at Moore College and the friendships they have made. Pray that this night will be an enjoyable and memorable time for the students.
- **Lord's Supper and Community Lunch (18 November)** This day marks the end of the College year for students. Give thanks for the opportunity for the entire College community to share in the celebrations of this day. Pray for a refreshing break for all over the summer.
- **Correspondence Course Exams (11 – 25 November)** 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 Faculty undertaking **end of year marking** within a tight deadline. Pray that they will have energy and perseverance to do the work with care and consistency.

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## Week 4: Monday, 21 November – Sunday, 27 November

- **Sam Pursell (Year 2)** Praise God for his word, which is always a steady light to walk by. Thank him for the privilege of living with brothers and sisters, and pray for wisdom in thinking through future ministry options.
- Pray for students preparing for **Evening Course exams** (28 November-1 December). Pray that they will rejoice in all they've learnt about God and not be anxious about the exams.
- **Patrick Lam (Year 1)** Praise God for the opportunity to study at College. Please pray that he will adjust to studying at College and be able to think clearly and logically when writing essays and not be anxious.
- **Marty and Louise Hughes (Year 2)** Praise God for their children, Harvey (4) and Scarlett (1). Give thanks for two years at Greenwich Anglican Church.

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## Week 5: Monday, 28 November – Wednesday, 30 November

- Pray for those **students preparing to move out of College**. Give thanks for their time in the College community and pray for them as they prepare for the many changes ahead. Pray particularly that those children who will be starting at new schools and pre-schools will settle in quickly and make many new friends.
- Pray for Faculty and students preparing to be involved in **Christmas events at their churches**. Pray that they might be able to focus on all that is needed and that God would be glorified in the midst of the busyness of the end of the year.
- **Matt and Sarinah Paterson (Year 2)** Pray they would adjust to having their first baby - that home and family life would be happy and full of joy. Pray that God would lead them and reveal where he would like them to be after College. Ask that their unsaved family and friends would turn to Christ.
- **Matt Aroney (Year 1)** Pray that Matt would continue to find a good balance in his studies between working hard, church involvement and continuing to love those in his life whom he has been given.

# Personal Prayer Notes

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