
Prayer Bulletin

From the Principal ...

In this issue of the Prayer Bulletin I want to take the opportunity to give great thanks to God for the completion of the building project that has dominated life at College over the past two years. Not so long ago I was shown a copy of *Southern Cross* from June 1966, which included an appeal for a new building on King Street. It was to be a multi-story building with accommodation and teaching rooms. So the plans to develop the King Street site go back that far at least! Now the Lord has made possible the answer to those prayers and dreams.

I hope many of you will be able to join us at 2:30pm on 11 February 2017 for the official opening by the Governor of New South Wales. It will be a time of celebrating the goodness of God to us in answer to many of your prayers.

Of course buildings are only buildings. They do not last forever. What is more important, and more lasting, is what goes on inside the building. We are praying that in this new building, men and women will be shaped by the word of God and prepared to take the gospel of Jesus Christ to all the nations of the world. I have long been struck by the powerful note of certainty in Jesus' words to his disciples recorded in Matthew 24:14 — 'And this gospel of the kingdom will be proclaimed throughout the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come'. It must happen this way. Only when the whole world has heard will the summing up of all things commence. We want this new building to be used in the service of that great mission. Beautiful architecture is a generous gift of our heavenly Father, granting human beings the joy of making beautiful things just as he has done. But we mustn't get carried away by the sandstone façade and the soaring glass windows. What really matters is Christ and his glory and preparing men and women to publish his name in all the world.

Please keep praying that we will remain focussed on what really matters, that our hearts will be full of thanksgiving for all the good gifts our heavenly Father has given us, and that the Lord will send many more people to train at Moore to take the gospel to our city and our world.

Mark Thompson

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. Page numbers for Faculty refer to *Societas* 2016.

DECEMBER 2016

Focus for December

- **Exiting students for 2016**
 - **Registrar's Department finalising results**
 - **Christmas services and events**
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Week 1: Thursday, 1 December – Sunday, 4 December

- **Moore Distance Evening Course exams.** Pray for the students as they prepare for and sit their exams, that they would have clear recall. Pray that they would remember that the exam result is less important than what they've learnt by the study of God's living word.
 - **Ed & Joc Loane (Faculty, p 56)** Give thanks for the safe arrival of Abigail in February and that the other four children have adjusted to having a baby in the house so well. She is a delight to us all. Give thanks for the Lord bringing us through a very busy semester. Pray for the final marking and meetings of the year. Pray for a safe and relaxing summer break where the whole family can enjoy the time together and that we come back refreshed to serve the Lord in 2017.
 - Give thanks for the facilities in the **new building** and the opportunities they provide. Pray for the staff and Faculty as they move in. Pray particularly for Library staff with the massive task of moving the Library and for the IT staff getting all systems operational and sorting out any difficulties. Give thanks for safety on the site throughout construction and pray for those finalizing various aspects of the building.
 - Sandra Harry p2, Ami Phillips p2, Michael Sutton p2, Paul Avis p5, Kate Stace p11, Iggy Wong p12, Andy Yip p13
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Week 2: Monday, 5 December – Sunday, 11 December

- Give thanks for the hard work of the **Registrar's Department** and pray for them to be strengthened in patience as they undertake the demanding tasks of finalising end of year results and preparing for incoming students in 2017.
- **Jane Tooher (Faculty, p56)** Please pray for successful surgery I'm having on December 19 on my left eye to help prevent cornea tearing. Please pray that my sight is not blurry for too long afterwards (can be up to a month).
- Pray for the **Priscilla & Aquila Centre Annual Conference** on 30 January 2017 that is looking at 'Luke's women and a ministry that builds the church'. Please pray for all the speakers including our main speaker William Taylor, as they prepare their talks and seminars. We also have more spaces available so please pray more people will register for this day conference (<http://www.moore.edu.au/paa/news-events>), and that all who come find it a helpful day and the fruit will show in their various ministries.
- Rachel Pickering p3, Savitri Surjoudaja p3, Mark Bolas p6, Christopher Booth p6, Michael Burgess p7, Stephanie Judd p9, Bronwyn Kyngdon p9

Week 3: Monday, 12 December – Sunday, 18 December

- Give thanks for all that the **exiting students** have learnt during their time at College and pray that they will be faithful to the word of God, confident in the gospel, humble and generous servants of God's people. Pray that he will enable them to proclaim Christ clearly, live for Christ consistently and love Christ's people genuinely. Pray especially for those who are still not sure where they will be serving next year.
- Pray for grace for students as they receive their **exam results** before Christmas. Pray that they will be encouraged by their results and motivated to keep learning. Pray especially for those who will need to sit supplementary exams in January.
- **George & Koula Athas (Faculty, p55)** Thank God for Koula's very supportive work environment. Please pray for our family as we face a few tough challenges. We ask for patience, perseverance, love, and wisdom.
- Please pray for those involved with the **financial administration** of the College as the year end brings added pressures and tasks to be performed. Pray for patience and the ability to allocate tasks using time wisely.
- Maggie Fung p2, Adrian Kriening p3, Angus McCowatt p4, Tom Conyers p7, Topher Hallyburton p8, Dan Meoli p10, Matthew Straw p11

Week 4: 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.
- Please pray that the **Information Systems staff** would be able to keep the College systems working well over the summer period with short staff numbers due to annual leave for most members of the team.
- **Philip & Amy Kern (Faculty, p55)** Please pray for our children...that Eliot and James (years 11 and 8 respectively at Trinity) would grow in their faith and desire to serve their school. Pray for Philip Stephen who is training to be a pilot with the RAAF: for safety and wisdom, and that he would be salt and light. We thank God for his wonderful fiancée; pray that they would be able to find an appropriate time for a wedding in the midst of his training. Alexandra is studying at the University of North Carolina. Pray that she would learn much and be ever more deeply grounded in the gospel.
- Paul Searle p5, Alan Au p5, John Hanlen p8, Mitchell Herps p8, Jonathan McConchie p10, Simon Pei p11, Michael Weeks p12

JANUARY 2017

Focus for January

- **New students for 2017**
 - **Property Maintenance Department**
 - **Priscilla & Aquila Centre Conference (30 January)**
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Week 1: Monday, 26 December – Sunday, 1 January

- Please pray for perseverance in study over the summer break for students who need to sit **supplementary exams** in January. Pray that they will find a good balance between rest and effective preparation for another year of study.
 - 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 that **incoming students** would look forward to their time at College and be eager to study God's word. Pray that those preparing to leave jobs might make the most of the opportunity to share with their colleagues why they are leaving. Pray that students will adjust quickly to the College program and community. Pray particularly for the adjustments necessary for those coming from interstate and overseas.
 - Rebecca Young p2, Jess Bales p2, Andrew Brown p2, Rikki Brownlow p2, Susanna Baldwin p5, Tom Batty p5, Stephen Beattie p6, Col Bernays p6, Luke Bird p6
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Week 2: Monday, 2 January – Sunday, 8 January

- Please pray for the **Governing Board** members. Thank God for the time commitment each member makes to the various meetings of the Board and its committees. Thank God for the knowledge and skills that members bring to the deliberations on many issues affecting the life of the College. Thank God that each member is committed to seeing God glorified through his College.
- Pray for Neil Ferguson and the **Property Maintenance Department** over the break. They will be working on several projects as well as the normal maintenance. Pray for energy and enthusiasm for the tasks ahead and that all will run according to plan.
- Daisy Hong p3, Costas Kladakis p3, Naomi Tubman p3, Grant Borg p6, David Brackenbury p6, Jenny Bradshaw p6, Dale Brown p6

Week 3: Monday, 9 January – Sunday, 15 January

- 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.
 - **Mark & Kathryn Thompson (Faculty, p55)** Please thank God with us for the enormous privilege of serving him at Moore College and the warm fellowship we enjoy here. Please pray for wisdom and discernment, and courage and humility in making decisions for the good of the College. Please pray too that we might be godly and effective parents of our four girls, Elizabeth (17), Anna (15), Rachel (14) and Mary (11). Please keep praying that God might raise up a large number of labourers for his harvest and that many of them would come to Moore.
 - Thank God for the **generous financial support** he has provided for the work of the College through the gifts of donors and the decisions of the Synod.
 - Jacquie Sperinck p3, Katherine Marriott p4, David Chang p7, Daz Diener p7, Timothy Flint p7, Lindsay Foster p8
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Week 4: Monday, 16 January – Sunday, 22 January

- **Supplementary exams commence (16-20 January).** Please pray for clarity of thought for those sitting supplementary exams.
 - **Chase & Amy Kuhn (Faculty, p 55)** Pray for the Kuhn family. Please pray that we would be refreshed over the Summer by making the most of family time, Christian fellowship, and community engagement in that time.
 - 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.
 - Liz George p4, Vanessa de Sauty p4, Sam Atwood p5, James Galea p8, Laura Graham p8, Chris Holding p8, Paul Huynh p8
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Week 5: Monday, 23 January – Sunday, 29 January

- 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.
- **The Priscilla & Aquila Centre conference (30 January).** Pray that all will go smoothly with final preparations and that the conference will be helpful for those attending. Pray particularly for Jane Tooher as she organizes this.
- Elizabeth Shehata p5, Ben Allen p5, Daniel Kong p9, Andrew Kyrios p9, Ez Lau p9, Jason Law p9

FEBRUARY 2017

Focus for February

- **Greek Intensive and Orientation for First Year students**
- **Opening of new building (11 February)**
- **Ordination (18 February)**

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

- **Evening Course commences (31 January).** Pray that students are stimulated and stretched in their thinking and for lecturers as they prepare.
- **Priscilla & Aquila Centre conference (30 January).** Pray that this conference will glorify God and be informative and encouraging for his people.
- **Community Welcome (4 February).** Please pray that this orientation day will be a useful time for all incoming students and will provide good opportunities to get to know other students and their families.
- Kylie Yip p4, Erin Arthur p4, Helen Fuller p4, James Mackenzie p9, Liz Maher p10, John Mahoney p10, Jason Marriott p10,

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

- **Greek Intensive and Orientation for First Year students (6-17 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 for those teaching this course for the first time. Pray too that registration for these students will go smoothly.
- **Opening of new building (11 February).** Pray that this day will be a day of great rejoicing in God's good provision. Pray that many people will join us for this occasion and that the facilities now available will be utilized by many people, both within the College and more broadly throughout the Diocese, in the years to come.
- Pray for those involved in **planning and preparing for 2017.** Pray that they will still be able to get a good break and that things will come together smoothly for the year ahead.
- James Foley p7, Joshua Maule p10, Rachel Noakes p10, Cameron Noakes p10, Matthew Pearson p11, Phil Rademaker p11, Craig Reid p11

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

- 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.
- Pray that the **New Testament Summer Intensives for Year 2 (14 February) and Year 3 (15 February)** will be a good time of learning.
- **Summer Hebrew Intensive for Year 2 (16-17 February)**. Pray that students will learn much from this course and that they will have greater insight into the Scriptures as a result.
- **Diocese of Sydney Ordination Service (18 February)**. Pray for the graduates of the College being ordained to serve the churches in Sydney. Pray for faithfulness, humility and courage.
- **Semester 1 Term 1 commences (20 February)**. Give thanks for the start of lectures for the College year and 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.
- Tamara Taylor p11, Mike Taylor p11, Richard Thamm p11, Sarah Thorburn p12, Anton Triyanto p12

Week 4: Monday, 20 February – Tuesday, 28 February

- 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. Pray that they might listen well and serve effectively and that their lives might adorn the gospel.
- 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.
- Pray for preparations for the **Graduation** service on 13 March at 7.30pm. Pray for Dr Richard Gibson as he prepares to speak at the service. Give thanks for all of the students who will be graduating on the evening.
- Pray that the **Year Suppers (23 February) for the women of College** will be a really encouraging night of meeting new friends, sharing with one another and considering how to make the most of College opportunities over the year ahead.
- Meredith Tweddell p12, Steven Walker p12, Paul White p12, Ed Yorston p13



Annual Conference

Monday 30 January 2017
9am-4.45pm

Main Speaker: William Taylor, Rector of St Helen's Bishopsgate, London
on
Luke's women and a ministry that builds the church

Electives:

Prophecy Today? (**Peter Orr**)

Parenting in Practice (**Jo Gibbs & Kate Snell**)

Reaching people for Jesus (**Bruce Clarke, Sandy Galea, Cathy Young & Moussa Ghazal**)

Modesty: More than dressing decently (**Jim & Lesley Ramsay**)

Singleness in Life & Ministry: A Personal Testimony (**Jane Tooher**)

Deborah – Prophetess or Judge? (**Paul Williamson**)

Divorce care – The Course (**Michael Sheedy, Melinda Hunt & Dominic Steele**)

Ministry amongst staff wives & women on staff (**Janet Taylor**)

Registration Open **NOW!**

Pre-registration is necessary: <http://www.moore.edu.au/paa/news-events>



You are invited to the opening of

**The Learning and Teaching Centre
at 1 King Street, Newtown
by the Governor of New South Wales
and its dedication by the Archbishop of Sydney**

**on Saturday 11 February 2017 at 2.30pm
followed by afternoon tea**

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By Friday 3 February 2017