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From our Principal's Desk,.....

Beyond Test Scores

NAPLAN (National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy) testing in Year 3,5,7 and 9 has been completed for another year. In 2019 we are supposed to be completing NAPLAN electronically. That could be interesting....Telstra would be wanting to have a good day!

Controversy over the purpose of NAPLAN, and the use of the data, is not a new thing. The original and desirable objective of NAPLAN was to be a mechanism for improving student outcomes across our National Education system but through media and general accessibility it has increasingly morphed into a tool for school comparison and competition.

As a school we consider NAPLAN as one useful tool in a complete "tool box of tools" to assist us to identify where students require additional support in Literacy and Numeracy. We monitor each student's progress constantly. Formative Assessment is used daily, weekly as part of the teaching and learning process. Regular Summative Assessment in the form of tests, assignments and tasks are completed and a planned sequence of standardized testing (DRA, PM, Australian Spelling, PAT Maths) is completed. The data generated from these tools and Individual student progress is reviewed each week at Education Committee meeting so that we can plan and provide support as required.

It is important to remember though that Education is more than Literacy and Numeracy and in line with our Mission "Student Focused Learning for LIFE" it is equally important that we do all we can to assist each student to be ready to be effective citizens during their life on earth and also know of eternal life beyond this earth. I encourage you to look beyond the test scores to your child's holistic progress.

Teaching and Learning News.....

Exciting Times in The Entrepreneurial Project

During Semester One, the students in Years 7, 8 and 9 have embarked on a new subject to the College, called Entrepreneur Project. This subject has been developed to provide students with a platform in which they can develop a range of skills usable in everyday life and future employment. These skills include working in a team of people who possess a variety of skills and ability levels, planning and implementing a project, connecting with community members, managing time -including prioritising and budgeting. This subject was designed to enact the College's mission of *Student Focused Learning for Life*. Our decision to include this subject in the coursework for years 7,8 and 9 has been ratified in Gonski's latest Review Into Education released on April 30 this year which suggested the curriculum "Give more prominence to the acquisition of the general capabilities e.g. critical and creative thinking, personal and social capability"(Gonski et al 2018). Excitingly, we are coming to the culminating event of this project.

On Thursday the 21st of June from 5-7 pm, families of students participating in the Entrepreneur Project are invited to attend an 'Eat Street' event. During this night, each group will first present their learning about how a particular culture has shaped Biloela, before the night opens up into an Eat Street Market with each group showcasing a cuisine from the culture studied. Food will be available to purchase from approximately 6-7pm. Participating students will need to be at school by 4pm on that day. I understand that many students have other commitments on Thursday nights such as league training or cadets, but we ask for full attendance at this event so that they can fulfil their teamwork requirements. The College is excited to provide this opportunity for the students. We hope to see you there.

Sandra Wass

22 May 2018

Upcoming Events

18 May

- Biloela Show Holiday

21 May

- Naplan Catch up day
- Music Eisteddfod Begins

23 May

- Math Olympiad

24 May

- Middle School Information Evening 6:30 pm - 7:30 pm

26 May

- Music Eisteddfod ends, Speech and Drama Eisteddfod begins

29 May

- ICAS Science
- CAP Cross Country

31 May

- Speech and Drama Eisteddfod ends

01 June

- Biloela Eisteddfod - Concert

04 June

- PFC Meeting at 2:00 pm

4-6 June

- 2019 Prep Interviews

5 June

- FCFD Middle School providing

Prayer Families

Week 5

- Hill
- Hodgson
- Hopkins

Week 6

- Irvine
- James
- Jensen (A & P)
- Jensen (D & J)

Birthday Blessings

The College Community would like to wish the following students a happy and blessed birthday.

May

- 22 Payton Stevens
- 24 Sean Conway
- 26 Shaydi Bretag
- 30 Karl Lotz
- 31 Tyler Austin
- 31 Chloe Perkins

June

- 1 Tiana Bretag

From the Bursar.....

College Fees Due Today

Every effort is made by the College Office to help families plan for the payment of College Fees. Thank you to the families who have paid their fees on time. This certainly helps the College to meet its own financial commitments. Please visit the office with your payment first thing Monday morning to avoid the \$55 Administration Fee. Families may pay any outstanding fees using internet banking, EFTPOS, credit card, cash, cheque or through Parent Lounge. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the office. Thank you.

Uniform Shop

Remember to get in early to buy winter uniform items and House polo shirts for the Athletics Carnival.

Please ensure that students have well-presented hats to wear whenever they are outside or at community events. Hats that are faded and turned up at the sides are not acceptable and need to be replaced.

Lost Property

To avoid any lost property, please ensure all items of clothing are named. It is important for students to remember to place their jumpers and track pants in their schools bags to go home, particularly as the mornings become cooler. If students have items of apparel missing, they are asked to look in the lost property box, the classroom, the library, Banksia Place or the oval first before asking for assistance.

Second Hand Jumpers For Sale

If you would like to purchase a second hand jumper or spray jacket for \$5 each, there is a limited supply in administration. First in, best dressed! Sizes are available on enquiry. All proceeds will go towards the College's Care Fund.

APP is now Live at the LLL

Faster Payments via the NPP are now available on your LLL Business Account. The national New Payments Platform (NPP), which is a Reserve Bank sponsored initiative to greatly improve the digital payments process within Australia, is now available at the LLL.

1. When transferring funds through internet banking to or from your LLL account the money can appear in near real time, anytime of the day or night including weekends.
2. Now you can also use a person's [Pay ID](#) to transfer funds to them.
3. You can register your own business [Pay ID](#), linked to your LLL account to receive funds.

To register a Pay ID for your business (mobile phone number, email address or ABN), simply send LLL an email to lll@lll.org.au or for more information, please [visit the website](#) or give them a call.

LLL and College Loans

On behalf of the College Council, I would like to thank all LLL users who earmarked Redeemer Lutheran College Biloela as their preferred project. The College currently has LLL loans from 2013-2015 building program. The College needs to continue to maintain the level of earmarks (matching deposits) to ensure that LLL recognises the community's support. Therefore, we continue to strongly encourage families to consider opening a savings account with LLL or maintain deposits in an existing savings account with LLL. Accounts are currently earning 2.25% interest on at-call funds, and are not charged any banking fees. Please ensure that you have indicated that the Matching Deposits benefit **Redeemer Lutheran College, Biloela**. You can do this when opening an account or you can call them to add this information to an existing account. More information about saving with the LLL can be found on their website www.lll.org.au or telephoning them on 1800 556 457. Thank you for your support.



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The Food Technology team will be making jams and preserves later in the year and would appreciate any donations of jars with lids.

