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

Celebration is the focus this week. Mark and I excitedly welcomed our fourth grandchild and first grandson "James Donald Brosnan" on Wednesday. Donald was my Dad's name .... it is 20 years since he passed this year and I rejoice that his grandchildren still have such fond memories of him. We keep the Curtis family – Bernie, Sophie, Beau, Tacoah and Finn and their extended family- in our prayers as they celebrate the life of their dad and grandad, Greg Curtis, today. I have no doubt he will be fondly remembered by his grandchildren too.

With NAPLAN Reports being distributed this week we celebrate the results of the students. It's only one piece of assessment but it is another way to gauge our overall standards at the College as well. It is especially great to see the 100% achievement in Numeracy for Year 7 and 9 students. These two cohorts have consistently met the benchmarks but 12 months into the Maths Pathways program the overall achievement levels in the class have increased significantly.



Ephesians 4:32

Percentage of Students reaching the National Benchmarks

	Reading	Spelling	Grammar and Punctuation	Persuasive Writing	Numeracy
<b>Year 3</b>	96.5% (1 student)	100%	96.5% (1 student)	100%	96.5% (1 student)
<b>Year 5</b>	100%	96.7% (1 student)	90% (3 students – 1 who didn't attempt test)	90% (3 students – 1 who didn't attempt test)	93.4% (2 students)
<b>Year 7</b>	92.8% (1 student)	85.7% (2 students)	100%	92.8% (1 student)	100%
<b>Year 9</b>	86.7% (2 students)	100%	93% (1 student)	86.7% (2 students)	100%

Next week we will enjoy Book Fair /Book Week celebrations and look forward to hosting many of the students' grandparents on Friday for the morning. With students being able to purchase from the Book Fair I would like to remind parents of the Money at School Policy which can be found on our website in the Parent Handbook under the NEWS tab. I highlight the following points from the Policy.

- For Primary students all money must be in a named closable receptacle eg purse, wallet, ziplock bag (not envelopes)
- Parents should know the total balance of money bought to school. In Junior Primary that amount should be written in diaries or on a note within the money receptacle.
- No money receptacles are to be stored in School bags.
- Junior Primary Students (P-3) are to hand money receptacles to teachers at the beginning of the day for safe storage.
- Senior Primary Students (4-6) are to place money receptacles in desks or voluntarily give to teacher for safe storage.
- Secondary Students are to place money in their lockers.
- No money is to be lent or borrowed.
- Items purchased are for the sole use of the purchaser and must not be given to friends.

## Upcoming Events

### 21 August

- Book Fair/Book Week
- Cap Athletics 12U
- Cap Athletics 13-19

### 22 August

- Cap Athletics 12U
- Cap Athletics 13-19

### 25 August

- Grandparents' Day
- SRC Dance
- Late Night shopping - Book Fair

### 28 August

- PFC Meeting

### 29 August

- FCFD Year Five providing

### 31 August

- Father's Night Prep
- Year One Excursion
- Cluster Speaking Competition 9:00 @ St Joseph's - Year Six

**Home Economics**  
**Italy has arrived at Redeemer**  
*(L'Italia è accolto al Redentore)*

This week students from Years 7 and 8 have had a fantastic opportunity to learn the art of making fine Italian Cuisine. Samile Lowe in Year 8 has passed down her secrets, expertise and skills when making the perfect pizza and pasta dough to her fellow peers.

This was a rare opportunity for students to learn from Samile and share their ideas and thoughts on what they will create in their Perfect Pizza and Pasta cookery lesson. Many students tend to learn more when they are given the opportunity to watch the visual step-by-step processes when creating an item or product, whether it's in our cooking classes, art classes or even in English or Maths classes, there are opportunities to learn everywhere at Redeemer!

Well done to everyone involved, and a very special thank you to Samile for sharing your wealth of knowledge and skills with us. I look forward to seeing the explosion of Italian inspiration in our upcoming cooking lessons.

I would also like to take this opportunity to acknowledge the wonderful dedication and professionalism our Year 10 girls, Tanesha Radburn, Jane Peters and Lilly Millers portrayed while representing our College at the Biloela Industry Summit. The girls were given the rare privilege to work alongside one of Australia's top chefs, Matt Golinski. The girls expressed their gratitude and admiration for Matt while he taught them many tricks of the trade and the invaluable lifelong skills that they will carry with them beyond their schooling years. I am very proud of the girls and their parents for their amazing support and commitment in making this a successful experience for all who attended. Congratulations!

Mrs Collocott  
Home Economics



**Farewell Mr and Mrs Scott**

It is with mixed feelings that I share that Mr and Mrs Scott will be leaving Redeemer and Biloela at the end of this term. Joshua and Rebekah started their teaching career with us back in 2006 and have become much loved colleagues and teachers. Recently they expressed the need to be closer to their family in Toowoomba and an unexpected door opened with Mr Scott being offered a position at Faith Lutheran College in Plainlands. The position starts in Term Four so we will farewell Mr and Mrs Scott on the evening of our Musical. Staffing replacements for Term Four are in hand.

*Teaching and Learning News.....*

**Why Behaviour Education instead of Behaviour Management?**

At Redeemer, we value the uniqueness of each student. We believe that each and every student is made in the image of God and, for that reason, has inherent worth and purpose. We see our role as developing the whole child so that they are as prepared for life as possible. We teach Mathematics, English, Science and the Arts so that they have the knowledge and skills needed to contribute purposefully to community. If students don't quite understand a concept within these subject areas, teachers work hard to identify what their misconception is, and then teach the students the knowledge they need - in a way that they understand.

Inappropriate behaviours exhibited by students in the College are viewed as an opportunity to teach students the knowledge and skills needed to handle a misconception or part of life they are challenged by - the same as with any other subject area. All behaviours happen for a reason. Staff work hard to find the underlying reasons for behaviour and then present to the student other ways to cope with these. By using this approach, the College hopes to equip our students with the skills needed to develop lasting change, equipping them with skills for life.

Sandra Wass

**Scholarship Applications**

Scholarship Applications for Middle School are due by Friday 1 September, 2017  
Application forms can be found on the College Website [www.redeemer.qld.edu.au](http://www.redeemer.qld.edu.au) under the ENROLMENT tab.

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*Prayer Families*

**Week 5**

- Meissner
- Mellor
- Mesa Santos
- Middleton

**Week 6**

- Milios
- Millers
- Moon
- Moschella

*Birthday Blessings*

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

**August**

- 20 Logan Dowling
- 20 Shawn Dowling
- 21 Louise Benito
- 23 Sonny Irvine
- 23 Bella Clews
- 23 Taliah Keller
- 28 Felicity Agius
- 28 Noah Barron
- 28 Archie Stewart
- 29 Joshua Dales
- 29 Samuel Hicks
- 30 Aiden Bailey

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