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From our Principal's Desk.....

The quality of the teacher makes a huge difference to student outcomes. Sir John Jones says it like this...*The good news is ... teachers make the difference. The bad news is ... teachers make the difference.*

The teacher that builds appropriate teacher / student relationships with their students, gets to know their needs, and puts in the work to cater for those, and holds students accountable for their behaviour, effort and perseverance can increase student progress dramatically. At the same time, they are helping their students to develop skills necessary for life in the adult world. These teachers are not always the most popular but they are the ones that care and are the teachers that we need at Redeemer.

Staffing in any school is a complex process. Staffing for a regional rural school adds another layer of complexity. The reality is that not everyone wants to live in a town like Biloela. (*They don't know what they are missing!*) Fortunately, as a Principal of non-state school I get to choose my staff (*albeit on from the applicants received*) and I can let staff go when they are not providing what our students need.

It is our commitment to provide the very best for your child/ren so we provide mentors/coaches for new teachers, we regularly monitor student progress and teacher planning and performance and provide targeted professional development to develop quality teachers. Over the years we have passed many of those quality teachers onto other schools throughout Australia. We also foster and nurture people from our local community who are training to be teachers by hosting them for their teaching pracs. Amongst others Mrs Wendy Walker, Miss Katie Muller, Mrs Leah Brosnan, Mrs Marie Johnston, Mrs Jenny Bauer have all been hosted by Redeemer. All of these ladies demonstrated exemplary ability judged by a team of staff and all have been offered positions at the College. The extra work this requires is a great way to get quality long term teachers that are committed to our College and your children.

With our existing staff having provided their 2019 employment intentions and we are now advertising for teachers for the new year in Seek.com, TeachersOnNet, Central Telegraph, on our College Facebook and through Recruitment Agencies. We will have vacancies for a junior primary teacher, three senior primary teachers and a secondary Home Economics.

Teaching and Learning News.....

Lunchboxes - Tools for preparing your student for learning

Outcomes are greatest for your children when both school and home work together. At school teachers and staff are responsible for planning engaging lessons based on curriculum content that meets the individual level of your child. We work hard to ensure that they are not only physically safe, but their social, emotional and spiritual well-being is kept safe as well.

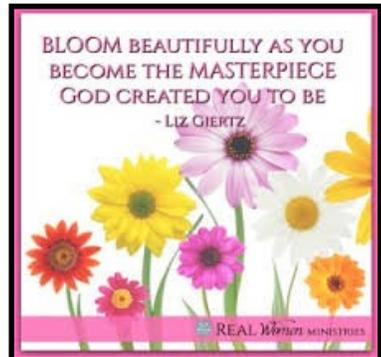
Parents are encouraged to support their student's progress at school by ensuring positive habits and practices are undertaken to provide balance to their children's lives. As parents, we make sure our students get enough sleep, take regular exercise and eat well.

It's vital that eating well extends to lunch boxes as well - not just breakfast and evening meals. The Redeemer Healthy Eating Policy, recommends that students bring "...simple nutritious, whole non-processed food to school". Further, it asks that treats (lollies, chips and chocolates) are not sent to school. If they are sent, then staff are expected to return them home again.

At present we are seeing a high volume of processed and very sugary foods in the students' lunchboxes. Consequently - we are also seeing high levels of students finding it difficult to maintain attention and energy during the afternoon when their 'sugar high' inevitably crashes. As a parent, I understand how tiring it can be to pack lunches that are inviting to eat. The trick, however, is to keep it simple. A sandwich on wholegrain bread, plain yogurt with fruit, vegetable sticks, fruit and cheese are all that's needed to get your child through the day. Keep it plain and simple, and that will help them to maintain their focus throughout the entire day.

Sandra Wass

20 August 2018



Upcoming Events

20 August

- CAP Athletics

21 August

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22 August

- Year 8 Families - Subject Selection for 2019 Year 9/10

24 August

- Grandparents' Day
- SRC Dance/Disco
- Late Night Shopping in Library for Book Week

30 August

- Fathers' Night Prep

31 August

- Middle School Social Night (Iron and Clay MS Concert - Friday Evening)

9 September

- WOCP Dress Rehearsal Main Cast 12pm - 4 pm

Prayer Families

Week 5

- Parkin
- Pender
- Perkins
- Peyper

Week 6

- Plisch
- Price
- Quinn
- Radburn

Birthday Blessings

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

August

- 9 Reece Dowling
- 14 Jack Lees
- 16 Lorelei Fritz
- 20 Zoe Allenden
- 20 Logan Dowling
- 20 Shawn Dowling
- 21 Louise Benito
- 23 Sonny Irvine
- 24 Lachlan Burnett
- 24 Bella Clews
- 25 Taliah Keller
- 27 Jerry Jiang
- 28 Noah Barron
- 28 Abigail Wilshaw
- 29 Joshua Dales
- 29 Samuel Hicks
- 30 Aiden Bailey



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ARCHER STREET CARPARK - STOP DROP and GO

1. There are five car spaces in the Stop Drop and Go, the front three closest to the College buildings are drop off spaces, the other two waiting spaces. There is no overtaking lane, you can only proceed forward when the car in front moves. You should never have to wait long if this area is used correctly.
2. The "Stop, Drop and Go" parking spaces parallel to the kerb are **NO STANDING/NO PARKING zones.** Stop, Drop (assist your child/ren to exit the car, say a quick goodbye) and Go (exit the carpark).
3. Students who are waiting to be picked up are to wait in the sheltered Pick Up Area.
4. In the afternoons if your child/children are not in the sheltered Pick Up area you must exit the Stop Drop and Go immediately and return to the end of the line.
5. Cars waiting to enter the Stop, Drop and Go must not block the entry to the carpark. If the line is long you will have to either choose to park in the central parking or exit the carpark.

ARCHER STREET CARPARK – PARENT/VISITOR PARKING

1. The centre unshaded parking spaces are for parents and visitors to the College.
2. All pedestrians need to use the crossing to get to the parking area.
3. There is a marked walkway near the parents' parking. All pedestrians are asked to use this when going to and from their parked cars.
4. The disability marked parking space is for use of the disabled only.

AFTERSCHOOL PLAY

Other than organised activities such as Dance and Cheer, Netball or Rugby training students are not to play with or on school equipment afterschool. This includes the play area near Junior Primary and the Prep Yard. The Prep yard is definitely a no play area before and after school for students and siblings.

Firstly this is a matter of safety as we do not have staff on duty afterschool other than at the three designated pickup areas. Secondly, it regularly means staff are left to pick up and put away equipment that had already been put away. If you allow your children to play on the play equipment near the Junior Primary in the afternoons I ask that you actively supervise them. If students don't have parents actively and closely supervising them they will be asked to leave by staff and go to the pickup areas.

BATHROOMS ARE NOT PLAY AREAS

We have recently experienced a spate of vandalism in the boys' bathrooms – secondary and primary. The students have been addressed about the required respect of College property and the proper use of bathrooms. Please reiterate this with your children.

WANTED PLASTIC BAGS

The Library is chasing any unwanted plastic bags for book fair.
Please deliver to the office if you have any spare.

From the Bursar.....

Thank you to our wonderful families who paid their Term 3 fees by the due date and to the families who are maintaining their payment plans. The College appreciates your support and a recent on-site visit by the Financial Auditors confirmed that **Redeemer College remains Solvent, Profitable and Sustainable.** College Fees were due for payment last week. Any outstanding fees can be paid using internet banking, credit card, Parent Lounge, cash or cheque. Thank you.

Book Packs

Planning for 2019 Book Packs is underway. Look out for individual class Book Lists in Week 8 of this Term.

Donations

Book Fair will be a highlight for students this term. The Library will display a list of books that the College would like to add to our collection and parents are encouraged to make a donation to the Library. Families are reminded that any donation of \$2 are tax deductible through the RLCB Public Library deductible gift recipient fund. Receipts for taxation purposes will be issued through the office.

