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From our Principal's Desk,

In education the word transition usually applies to the three main transitional stages – beginning school, moving from primary to secondary and then from secondary to university or employment; however, change or transition is continual and preparing students to transition from one year to the next is our joint (home and school) responsibility. Therefore, a part of the focus of Term Four is preparing each student for the changes of the next year.

This preparation comes in the form of informal discussions and the more formal processes like Orientation Days where students get to visit their new school or classroom, meet new teachers and sometimes experience or taste subjects.

In the Middle School regular conversations have been and will continue to happen in Pastoral Care, Student Wellbeing and with the College Counsellor to assist students to confidently approach the next stage. Our annual Orientation Day is planned for Monday, 6 November. Look for it on the term planner and discuss what it means with your child/ren. It is a great opportunity for students to ask and get answers to questions they may have about the coming year.

A teacher's evaluation of each student's development, socially and academically, is also important in the transition process and they are encouraged to share with you any concerns they may have in regards to your child's readiness for the next stage. Similarly, I would encourage you to instigate discussions with your child's teacher if you have concerns. You don't have to wait for scheduled parent teacher interviews. Working together we can do our best to make the transition comfortable for everyone.



This week two utilities trolleys fitted out with a microwave, kettle and sandwich press have been added to the student facilities in Middle School. The students can access these during both breaks, and afterschool if they are attending extra-curricular activities, to heat food, toast a sandwich, make a cuppa soup, noodles or hot chocolate. Some students have asked about having coffee or tea at school. We are not encouraging this and have had discussions about healthy choices. "With Freedom comes Responsibility" so the students, with your consent, can decide what

they have and will be responsible for cleaning of the equipment and their personal safety with hot food and liquid. I hope the students enjoy the greater food options.



You are invited to an Under 8's Play Day at Redeemer Lutheran College on Saturday 28th October from 9am to 12pm.

Hands-on activities/Entry is Free/Wear active clothes/Sausage Sizzle

20 October 2017

Kindness
BE KIND AND
COMPASSIONATE
TO ONE ANOTHER,
FORGIVING EACH OTHER,
JUST AS IN
CHRIST GOD
FORGAVE YOU.

Ephesians 4:32

Upcoming Events

21 October

- PFC Ladies Evening at 6:30 pm

22 October

- Year Four invited to Church at 10:30 am

23 October

- PFC Meeting at 7:00 pm

24 October

- FCFD Prep providing

25 October

- College Council Meeting at 6:00 pm

26 October

- Year 7 Immunisation

27 October

- Daniel Morecombe Day

28 October

- Under 8's Play Day 9:00 am - 12:00 pm at Redeemer

30 October - 3 November

- Year Six Camp

Prayer Families

Week 3

- Smith
- Stevens P&M
- Stevens S&H
- Stevens T&C

Week 4

- Stewart
- Tanzer
- Thornton
- Van Itallie

Birthday Blessings

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

October

- 22 Hannah Dales
- 23 Jack Middleton
- 24 Harper Fowler
- 26 Samuel Conway
- 26 Cooper Creed
- 28 Damon Castorina
- 28 Beau Curtis
- 29 Jay Barr
- 29 Ky Barr
- 29 Aaliyah Fullgrabe
- 30 Kaden Lower
- 31 Corey Stevens

November

- 2 Jesse Clapper



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Teaching and Learning News.....

Social Media

Digital technology can be a wonderful tool to help us organise our lives and enhance access to information. Research that previously took us hours upon hours in libraries, searching through card catalogues and microfiche (remember those?) now happens in seconds in the press of a few buttons. Daily, we see examples of the way that technology has improved our lives. Like anything though, technology is best used in moderation; particularly when it comes to social media use.

All social media sites are controlled by age limits. To have a Facebook, Instagram or Snapchat account you must be older than 13. These age limits exist because there are documented accounts of the ways in which social media can negatively impact the lives of our youth. The American Academy of Paediatrics lists the following as potential side effects of social media use "bullying, clique-forming, and sexual experimentation, privacy issues, and "sexting." They also suggest that other problems that need awareness include addiction to the internet and sleep deprivation.

What does this mean for our students? Minimum ages exist for a very good reason - but they are just that - minimum ages. Decisions about each student's access to social media needs to be made on an individual basis. Is your child ready for social media?

Sandra Wass

From our Art Room

In the Art Room – Knit one, pearl one ...

Welcome back! This term there are lots of fun things that will be happening in the Art Space for Middle School students. There will be a spot for leather work, documentary making and maybe the strangest of it all, KNITTING! In the latter half of the term, Year Seven students will be partaking in some Yarnbombing (knitting trendy jumpers for trees, poles and park benches, just to name a few) and learning the invaluable skill of knitting. Like to help? Of course you can!

Donations of:

Old, weird coloured wool,

Knitting needles that have lost their partner or are never used

Or

A knitted square, or crocheted circle of any size.

If you are keen to come and assist the students, email me at l.harris@rlcb.qld.edu.au and I can give you the time and date of our knitting workshops.

From our Bursar's Office

Term Four College Fees

The fourth and final account for College Fees went home on Friday, 6 October 2017. Thank you to the families who have finalised their fees for this year. Your support is truly appreciated. Families with outstanding fees are asked to make their payments before **Friday, 27 October 2017**.

Please **pay promptly** using internet banking, EFTPOS, credit card, cash, or cheque. Payments can be made at the office, online or through Parent Lounge.

All families on a payment plan, are reminded that they are required to have a NIL account by 31 December 2017. Any overdue fees will be charged the **\$55 administration fee**.

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will be closed on the last week of Term Four for Stock Take.

LLL Interest Rate Change

The LLL advises that effective 1 October 2017, the interest rate on at-call Savings Accounts has changed from 2.5% to 2.25% per annum.