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

Events of the recent weeks could be evaluated in a number of ways. On one hand it has tested and affirmed our College processes in regards to communicating concerns. Students, parents and staff can be assured that should they have any concerns and that if they are reported correctly, that they will be listened to and investigated fairly.

On the other hand, the events again reminded us of the power of the tongue. *James 3-9-10 9 With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. 10 Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be.*

The humiliation caused by the media coverage in both the Morning Bulletin and Central Telegraph by a member of our community who valued their privacy but not mine has permanently tarnished my reputation in the community where I have lived for the majority of my life, and where I plan to live out the rest of my life. This person has harmed my family, my friends and our College. I continue to pray for a forgiving heart but at this point in time I am far from it. However, I choose to focus on carrying out my role as Principal of this College to the very best of my ability.

It is my job to make sure that every child that comes into this College receives the very best education we can provide. Aligned with the College's Mission it is my personal purpose to be able to reach as many children, families and staff with the message of salvation and eternal life.

To make sure that the students get the very best education I have to have dedicated, capable teachers supported by equally dedicated capable support staff. I have the responsibility to make sure staff are doing what they are employed to do and if they aren't then it is my responsibility either to work out how to help them get the skills, knowledge, motivation to do their job to the standard required, not only in this school but every school in Australia or work through a regulated process to finalize employment.

Word of Mouth continues to be the best and the worst advertising for our College. If there is anything that you have heard and are upset about, or unsure about please don't hesitate to ask. As always my focus continues to be your child and their needs. My plans for regular Coffee Catchups this term have been hijacked by events but my door is always open.

I finish by saying that words can't express how grateful I am for the kind words of encouragement I have received from many near and far. Thank you. I express also, in writing, how extremely grateful I am for both Mrs Coetzee and Mrs Wass. Their collegiality, adaptability and professionalism is something I will always cherish and admire. I will indeed be challenged over the last weeks of this year to say farewell to Eureka as she relocates to be closer to her family!



### Upcoming Events

#### **27 October**

- Concert Band Day  
Camp - 9:00 am—3:00 pm in Chapel

#### **28 October**

- Year Six leading College Chapel - 5:00 pm followed by shared Dinner provided by the College

#### **29 October**

- PFC Meeting at 7:00 pm

#### **30 October**

- FCFD Prep Providing

#### **31 October**

- College Council Meeting at 6:00 pm

#### **3 November**

- Aussie Gold Competition Rockhampton - Primary and Senior Cheer and Dance

#### **5-9 November**

- Year Six Camp

## Prayer Families

### Week 3

- Wippell
- Witten
- Woodman
- Wright

### Week 4

- Wyatt
- Aldridge
- Allenden
- Ambat

## Birthday Blessings

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

### October

- 28 Beau Curtis
- 30 Kaden Lower
- 31 Corey Stevens

### November

- 2 Jesse Clapper
- 3 Olivia Henney
- 3 Jayden Pender
- 4 Molly Dendle
- 6 Elisabeth Kajewski
- 7 Owen Henney
- 8 Abigail Galdal

## From the Bursar.....

### Term 4 College Fees

The fourth and final account for College Fees went home on Friday, 12 October 2018. If you haven't received your Term 4 Fees invoice yet, please contact Petrea Jensen in Admin so she can resend it to you. 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, 2 November 2018**.

- 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 2018. Any overdue fees will be charged the **\$55 administration fee**.

### Uniform Shop

- The Uniform Shop will be closed on the last week of Term 4 for Stock Take.
- Existing families are reminded to please visit the Uniform Shop during Term 4 to purchase uniforms for 2019. These include:-
- Existing families who have students starting **Prep** next year
- Prep families are asked to buy uniforms for **Year One** for next year.
- **Year Six** families are asked to buy middle school uniforms for next year.
- Students continue to grow over the Christmas holidays so please check uniform sizes at home and avoid the start-of-year rush by purchasing **new uniforms now**.
- The Uniform Shop will be open on Orientation Day only for new families to the College in 2019. Existing families are requested to avoid the Uniform Shop on this day to alleviate some of the pressure for our volunteers on such a busy day.
- The Uniform Shop has a limited supply of good quality swim shirts and swimming togs for babies and toddlers.

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For further information please contact the school office, or the LLL on 1800 556 457 or visit [www.lll.org.au](http://www.lll.org.au)

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How temperament develops over time; exercise and training; back pain; nature and nurture of singing ability; impact of parental mental health on child mental health; predictors in brain aging; epigenetics in the risk of breast cancer; and atrial fibrillation are some of the studies currently seeking twins. Interested? Learn more about each study at <http://twins.org.au/research/current-studies>



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