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From our Principal's Desk.....

What's Important?

The 31st October is a significant day in our annual calendar and I am not referring to Halloween! The 31st of October is Reformation Day. The Church calendar and this year the Lutheran Church and its schools around the world celebrated the 500th Anniversary of the Reformation. The day is also significant in Australian history with the courageous Australian Lighthorseman capture of Beersheba occurring on that day 100 years ago this year. Two events that continue to positively impact the world we live in.

Extract from Bell, Rob (2012-08-02). Velvet Elvis: Repainting the Christian Faith. HarperCollins Publishers. Kindle Edition.

Times change. God doesn't, but times do. We learn and grow, and the world around us shifts, and the Christian faith is alive only when it is listening, morphing, innovating, letting go of whatever has gotten in the way of Jesus and embracing whatever will help us be more and more the people God wants us to be. There are endless examples of this ongoing process, so I'll describe just one.

Around 500 years ago, (31 October 1517 to be exact) a man named Martin Luther raised a whole series of questions about the painting the church was presenting to the world. He insisted that God's grace could not be purchased with money or good deeds. He wanted everyone to have their own copy of the Bible in a language they could read. He argued that everyone had a divine calling on their lives to serve God, not just priests who had jobs in churches. This concept was revolutionary for the world at that time. He was articulating earth-shattering ideas for his listeners. And they heard him. And something big, something historic, happened. Things changed. Thousands of people connected with God in ways they hadn't before.

Student Health and Wellbeing

Student health and wellbeing at Redeemer has multiple elements. One part of our commitment to the overall health of our students is the encouragement of healthy eating practices. Consequently we have a Healthy Eating Policy. The full policy is accessible in the Parent Handbook located on the Redeemer website www.redeemer.qld.edu.au

This week I highlight the following two points extracted directly from the policy

1. As a health promoting school, we encourage parents to send simple, nutritious, whole, non-processed food to school.
2. **Parents are asked to keep special treats (e.g. lollies, chips, chocolates) for after school.** Students who bring such food will be instructed to take this food home and to eat it after school.

Please consider the above when providing a Birthday or Christmas treat for the class. Students who receive Christmas Candy Canes will have the choice to consume them at home only.

If you wish to provide a birthday treat for your child's special day please consult with your child's teacher. We encourage families to keep it simple. A cake – paty cakes preferably or an iceblock –the healthiest ones (the one with least sugar and chemicals) so that teachers can distribute them easily just before a break and not impact on teaching time.

3 November 2017

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



Ephesians 4:32

Upcoming Events

4-5 November

- Aussie Gold Summer Festival Cheer/Dance - Rockhampton

6 November

- Orientation Day P - 10

9 November

- Noodle Carnival 9:00 - 10:30 am
- Swimming Carnival from 5:30pm

10 November

- No School due to extra hours worked at swimming carnival
- Year Ten Camp - Agnes Waters - 10-12 November

15 November

- Wear blue for Joey

19 November

- Prep invited to church: 10:30 am

20 November

- PFC Meeting at 2:00 pm

21 November

- FCFD Year Four providing

Prayer Families

Week 5

- Voke
- Walker
- Wall
- Warmington

Week 6

- Wass
- Webb
- Wells

Birthday Blessings

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

November

- 3 Olivia Henney
- 3 Jayden Pender
- 4 Anika Boonzaaier
- 4 Molly Dendle
- 6 Elizabeth Kajewski
- 7 Owen Henney
- 8 Abigail Galdal
- 10 Harry Moschella
- 15 Samuel Walker
- 16 Zoe Delroy
- 16 Savannah Dudarko



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Teaching and Learning News.....

Learning is a job! It's hard. And until mastery of a concept occurs, learning happens in an uncomfortable space. Think back to a time when you had to learn something new and difficult. Maybe for you it's when you learnt to drive a car. Do you remember how uncomfortable and frustrated you were? Do you remember feeling as though you'd never learn to let the clutch out without bunny-hopping the car? But you were motivated by the thought of freedom so you persisted and soon enough you could take off slowly and smoothly.

For our students learning should take place in an uncomfortable space. If they are encountering new content at an appropriate level, they should be puzzled and challenged but feel that with hard work and the teacher's support, they will find their way forward. As teachers and as parents we then are challenged by how much support we give students when they encounter these feelings of frustration. We need to walk a fine line between supporting them, acknowledging that new learning is very often difficult and encouraging them to persist, or stepping in to save them.

What if we didn't save them? What if we were to let the students be uncomfortable for a while? What is the learning for them that might occur in that space? Is this perhaps a skill that might set them up for future success? Encourage your students by sharing times when you initially found learning difficult then share how through persistence what was first unfamiliar became second nature to you. We choose to share rather than step in and save so that our students get to experience the feeling of success that comes from hard work.

Sandra Wass

From our Bursar's Office

Overdue School Fees

The final invoice for College Fees was due for payment on Friday, 27 October 2017. Thank you to the families who have finalised all payments for 2017. Your support is truly appreciated as it this is the last of the fee income expected for this year. Your prompt payment helps with the College's cash flow for the busy final quarter. Families with outstanding fees are asked to finalise their payments immediately. Families on an approved payment plans are asked to ensure there is a nil balance by 31 December 2017. Families may pay at the office, online or through Parent Lounge using internet banking, EFTPOS, credit card, cash, or cheque. Families are reminded that any outstanding accounts after the due date will incur a \$55 Administration Fee.

Uniform Shop

Reminder - The Uniform Shop will be closed:-

- Monday, 6 November for Orientation Day – New families only are encouraged to shop
- Last week of Term Four for Stock Take

New Arrivals

- Primary and Middle School socks

Farewell Jaqueline, Hello Elizabeth

After 10 years as a sponsor child, World Vision informed the College that Jacqueline Mwansa and her family were no longer living in the World Vision area of Mpika, Zambia, meaning that they were no longer eligible to participate in the Child Sponsor Program. We pray that Jaqueline and her family valued the letters and support that they received from Redeemer College in Biloela. We wish them well in their move and pray that they are safe and happy.

Our new sponsor child is Elizabeth Daka, a ten year old girl living with her parents and her two sisters in the Nyimba Area Development Project in Zambia. Elizabeth is currently in year three at school and her favourite subject is the national language which happens to be English, the business language of Zambia. Both her parents are farmers so Elizabeth is expected to help out where possible. She also helps in the home by washing dishes, but finds time to play her favourite ball games.

Please remember to make a Chapel offering each week to help support our new World Vision sponsor child and her family.