



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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Dear Families and Redeemer Community Members,

Welcome back to the 2020 School Year

I love the start of a new year. It's like a nice clean blank page in a book. All fresh and ready for endless possibilities. I can't help but think what the story of 2020 might be! We are well and truly into the swing of things here at the College. In the office, we are working through the beginning of year tasks and in the classrooms, settling straight into curriculum.

2020 is a landmark year in the history of the College, with us having our first ever Year 12 class. This has been the result of many many years of careful planning and preparation. The model of flexible delivery that we are utilising to realise the addition of Senior Secondary is quite innovative and is helping us to fulfil our mission here at the College. We pray that the year ahead for our Year 12 students is both productive and enjoyable and we look forward to marking their special milestones with them.

While it's been exciting to welcome our first lot of Year 12 students, I can't help but get caught up in the excitement and whirlwind of the Primary schoolers. Their chatter, laughter and energy are infectious! I think that on Tuesday in particular, a few lunchboxes would have gone home full as many of them did not draw breath to eat during lunchtime; they had so many stories to share! It was beautiful to see the students reconnecting.

Welcome

We welcome new staff into the College in 2020.



Mrs Adelle Crosswell

Mrs Monique Leclercq, Mr Steven Lake, Mrs Mariana DeFreitas & Miss Haylee Hutchings

Firstly, we welcome Mr Steven Lake as our Deputy Principal. You can read all about Steven in his newsletter article this week. Secondly, welcome into our Secondary School, Miss Haylee Hutchings and Ms Mariana DeFreitas who teach Business and Mathematics and Senior Secondary English respectively. Lastly, into our Primary School we welcome Mrs Monique Leclercq into Year 6 and Mrs Adelle Crosswell into Prep as our Teacher Assistant.

We thank God for provisioning our College with these team members and look forward to the additions they make to our College community.

Warmest Blessings
Sandra Wass

Upcoming Events

3 February 2020

- Prep students begin full days
- Uniform Shop Open 2.30 - 3.30pm

5 February 2020

- Uniform Shop Open 8.00 - 9.00am

6 February 2020

- Math Pathways Information Session - Year 4 parents and new student parents 5.00 - 6.00pm
- Meet the Teacher Evening 6.00 - 8.00pm

12 February 2020

- College Council Meeting 6.00pm

13 February 2020

- RLCB Playgroup 8.45 - 10.15am
- Primary Assembly 2.20pm
- Newsletter Due
- Secondary School Social Night

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SECONDARY NEWS

Birthday Blessings

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

January

31 Micah Stevens

February

5 Emmy-Lou Creed

9 Tyson Wilkie

11 Jack Fenech

13 Abigail Loane

14 Mia Duncan

Prayer Families

TERM 1

Week 1

- Aldridge
- Allenden
- Ambat

Week 2

- Appel
- Austin
- Bailey
- Barnes & Croft

Week 3

- Barron
- Batchelor
- Bates
- Bath

On behalf of the secondary staff, I would like to extend a warm and happy Term One welcome to all in the College community. We are all delighted to be back and look forward to working with you as we share your children's learning journey throughout 2020. With a multitude of new initiatives, we are striving to consolidate a fully integrated College from Prep to year 12. Our daily calling to care for our students is a priority shared by all through our theme of, "Above all else, be kind".

I would like to take this opportunity to introduce myself. I have joined Redeemer from Pacific Lutheran College at Meridan Plains, on the Sunshine Coast. It is a school of approximately 1000 students, where I was employed to teach Music and Science for students from Years 1 to 12 for the past two years. My roles included director of the musical productions, conductor of band, choirs and other music ensembles. Prior to this, my family and I lived in China and Myanmar where we lived and worked at International schools of both the British and American traditions. My wife is a teacher and I have two daughters, one in Year 12 and the other in Year 10. I have been associated with the Lutheran schooling system since 2003 and I look forward to my association with Redeemer.

After a smooth beginning, the students seem to have settled well into their Pastoral care groups and classes, and I thank you in advance for being positive with your children as they acclimate to the new year. All indicators point to another productive and busy academic year. Teaching staff, office teams and service personnel have been hard at work with preparations to ensure our students have the opportunity to be the best that they can be. Communication between the school and home is of paramount importance. As such, Parents are urged to regularly read our newsletter and to check on their own children's learning activities and diaries. For all students, the new year brings about new routines, new teachers, homework, study commitments, co-curricular activities and so on. Whilst this usually goes smoothly, it can take some students time to adjust and transition. If any parents are concerned over this transition, please contact the relevant teacher via telephone, email or the main school office.

Finally, there has been one change made to the overall school routine for the secondary school. Year 9 students will wear their sports uniform on Thursday and Friday, and the rest of the College will be wearing their sports uniform on Wednesday and Friday. At all other times, unless specially requested otherwise, students will wear their formal school uniform.

Enjoy the year ahead and feel free to contact the College if you have any questions or concerns.

Steven Lake
Deputy Principal

10 Year Service Awards

This week we were delighted to present three of our Redeemer Community members with their 10 Year service Awards.

We acknowledged the service of Mr Gavin Lotz. For the past decade, Mr Lotz has quietly served this community in his capacity as a member of the Redeemer College Council. He continues in 2020 through the capacity of College Council Chair.

Equally, we acknowledged a decade of service of one of our very hardworking college teacher assistants, Mrs Kathy Callow. Over the past decade, Kathy has worked in a number of capacities and you will most recently find her in the library. Kathy's service has always been highlighted by her care and love of our students.

Lastly, we acknowledge the service of Mrs Wendy Walker. Mrs Walker's decade of service has been punctuated by care, compassion and advocacy for her students, a wonderful sense of humour and by helping to instil a great sense of comradery amongst staff.



Meet the Teacher Evening 6 February 2020

Parents are invited to get to know their child's / children's teacher and the class' routines at the "Meet the Teacher" evening on Thursday 6 February 2020. Each of the Primary teachers has been allocated a 30-minute session to introduce themselves, their subjects, their class practices and routines. Teachers will be presenting at the following times.

- 5:00pm Math Pathways Presentation (New families and Year 4 parents) – A02
- 6:00pm Prep, Year One
- 6:30pm Year Three, Year Six
- 7:00pm Year Four, Year Two
- 7:30pm Year Five

The Secondary School teachers will be available from 7:00-8:00pm for a "Meet and Greet" in the Secondary School Courtyard. This will be an opportunity for you to introduce yourself to each of the teachers and ask any specific questions you may have. Light refreshments will be served during this time.

LEADER'S DAY

Congratulations to our newly appointed College Leaders



College Captains

Primary	Abigail Conway Mitchell Salmon
Secondary	Mikaela Bailey Lani Jensen



Music Captains

Primary	Taylah Fowler Harrison Fenech
Secondary	Mia Jensen Luke James



Student Representative Council

SRC President	Emma Hill
SRC Junior Vice President	Texas Quinn
SRC Senior Vice President	Georgia-May Parkin
SRC Treasurer	Craig James
SRC Secretary	Tiahna Bailey



Sports Captains

Primary Acacia Texas Quinn
Alex Bulten
Secondary Acacia Elaina DeGit
Holly Walker

Primary Grevillea Mia Duncan
Thomas Wass
Secondary Grevillea Lilly Smith
Karl Lotz



Library Monitors

Tiahna Bailey Harrison Fenech
McKayla Barnes Caleb Harlick
Cleo Bryen Emma Hill
Bronte Cochrane Madeline Lean
Abigail Conway Mason Plisch
Mitchell Dew Texas Quinn
Mia Duncan Mitchell Salmon



Dance & Cheer Captains

Primary Cleo Bryen
Madeline Lean
Secondary Caidence Appel
Samantha Dendle

FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE

College Fees Notice

[The College Fees for Term 1, 2020 were sent home today via e-mail, with a due date of Friday, 21 February 2020.](#)

Families are reminded that by signing the Enrolment Form and the Parent Agreement, each family has agreed to pay their College Fees by the due date; or by a date determined as a result of an interview with the Principal. The receipt of College Fees on time is crucial to allow the College's finance department to have adequate cash flow to meet its own financial commitments.

- Fees are sent home during the first week of each term. New families, please be aware that the e-mails may go directly to the 'Junk' file so if you do not receive an invoice, please look in your junk file before you contact the office for a copy.
- Please pay your fees on time using internet banking, EFTPOS, credit card, cash or cheque. You are also able to access fee payments through Parent Lounge, accessed via the College's website. Please contact the office if you need a password.
- Families are reminded that any outstanding accounts after the due date will incur a \$55 Administration Fee.
- A quote for College fees may be obtained by contacting Petrea Jensen on business@rlcb.gld.eud.au. This quote can include the value of weekly, fortnightly or monthly installments to ensure a nil value by 31/12/2020.
 - Families choosing to pay by regular installments weekly/fortnightly/monthly need to contact the College Office before Friday, 21 February 2020 to advise us of your decision. Families can make regular payments by using the facilities available in their electronic banking program or they may request the College to set up the payments on their behalf. If you would like to take advantage of this please call in to the office to fill out the Direct Debit Request form. This is an easy and convenient option for families.
 - Once families begin to pay by installments, it is expected that the regular payments will continue for the whole of the year, i.e. to 31/12/20. Stopping your regular payments mid-year will incur a \$55 Administration Fee.
 - If you start to make payments after the agreed start date, please ensure that you catch up any outstanding payments as soon as possible.
 - Please ensure you identify your payment by using your six digit Account Number (*located in the upper right hand side of the invoice*) followed by your name, i.e. 000789 Surname. The Account Number is the most important information on this occasion.
 - Families paying regular installments will not be charged the late payment administration fee if a written notification or agreement has been signed and payments are made regularly.
 - Outstanding balances at the end of the year will incur a \$55 Administration Fee.
 - Receipts will be e-mailed where possible in an effort to reduce paper usage.
 - Receipts will show your account balance.
 - Where deposits cannot be identified, any bank search fees will be charged to that parent's account.
 - Families are asked to please contact the office should their circumstances change that may affect the payment of College Fees.

If a family wishes to pay a full year's fees in advance in 2020 to receive the 5% discount on the tuition component, please notify Petrea Jensen in the office no later than Monday, 10 February 2020 for a quote before invoicing. *Once the quote has been accepted and a new invoice issued, the full payment MUST be made.* Payment of full year's fees will be due on Friday, 28 February 2020. Any outstanding accounts after the due date will incur a \$55 Administration Fee.

Uniform Shop

The Uniform Shop will trade on the following days:

- Monday 2.30pm-3.30pm
- Wednesday 8:00am-9:00pm
- Please note the change in time for Wednesday. The shop will now be open Wednesday mornings before school.
- The Uniform shop will be closed all other days