



FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

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The Importance of Grit

Currently, I am making my way through the Semester One report cards. While reading all students' report cards is a massive undertaking, it is also one of my favourite ones as it helps me to gain a little more understanding about all the students in the College.

There is a lot to celebrate within our reports, but nothing more so than comments such as this:

Her best learning trait is that she can persist with a task until its completion.

Persisting, in the face of struggle and failure is what is defined as grit. Grit is showing up again and again until you are successful, persevering not only in the short term but also in the long term. Students who demonstrate this learning trait tend to achieve more highly than students who do not hold this characteristic. Duckworth (2016) reminds us that grit is important because it is a driver of achievement and success, independent of and beyond what talent and intelligence contribute. Talent will take our students some of the way, but persistence and application over the long term is a much more reliable indicator of success.

As teachers and parents we can help our students develop this trait by age appropriately helping them to identify and set goals to work towards, by helping them develop action plans to make those goals a reality and by checking in with them regularly about their progress against these. It is also helpful to share with our students, stories of successful people for whom persistence made all the difference to their eventual success.

This is our last newsletter before our mid semester break. Just a reminder that from July 13-17 Redeemer has its pupil free week. This year we are using that time to participate in a whole of college Restorative Practices Workshop. We also look forward to seeing many of you at Parent teacher interviews on Friday the 17th.

Lastly, the guidelines for schools around Coronavirus measures has changed very little up until this point. However, I can confirm that unless there is a second wave of infection, Redeemer intends to hold its Athletics carnival in Week 7 of Term 3. We hope to hold it over the usual two days, but if needed because of spectator number restrictions, this may occur over three days. Stay Tuned!

Have a great break with your families. It is very well deserved.

Warmest Blessings

Sandra Wass

Principal

Upcoming Events

22 June 2020

- School Photo Day

23 June 2020

- Report Cards and Portfolios sent home

26 June 2020

- Last Day of Term 2

27 June - 12 July 2020

- School Holidays

13 July - 19 July 2020

- Pupil Free Week

20 July 2020

- School Resumes, Term 3

SECONDARY NEWS

It has been a very busy time, both inside and outside of the normal classroom environment these past couple of weeks. It has been exciting to see, as restrictions are eased, that aspects of normal school life are beginning to return - slowly. Our Cheer and Dance students have started to begin their practice schedules again, our music groups have started to have group rehearsals (still under some restrictions) and our catering club and Miss Keegan have put in a huge effort for our Taco Tuesday this past week. It has been wonderful to see our Writers' Club working on their short stories and students taking advantage of the Afterschool Support for Learning on Monday and Wednesday afternoons. It was also wonderful to see our secondary students being so supportive of bringing in food for our 50 cent food day last week. Our student council has also been active in providing hot chocolate on Mondays, during the first break.

Thank you to Mrs Conway for organising and running a virtual visit for three sessions of Questacon in both our primary and secondary school areas. The ideas that were presented to our students were innovative and fun and hopefully it ignited a renewed interest in Science for many students attending. Similarly, it has been exciting to see the partnership with the QMEA STEM initiatives and Redeemer in giving our students opportunities to expand their ideas about Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. These sessions will take place beginning next week. This week, our Agricultural Studies students made visits to our primary students to discuss their worm farm project and their vegetable patch. Our students have been engaged in viewing various Shake and Stir virtual theatre performances across our entire college – lets hope that real performances will be allowed sooner rather than later. Thank you, Mrs Leonard, for organising these performances as part of our English program.

Our website has undergone many changes over the past few months. This will continue into future as it constantly evolves and improves. As such, I invite everyone to have a look from time to time to see information, pictures and calendar information that is constantly being revised and added, and to be able to show what we do as a college both inside and outside of the classroom. Our Facebook page is also constantly being updated with great information about Redeemer life and activities. Please let us know of things of interest for our community as they come up. These can be passed on to Mrs Fowler in our office to be added when possible. You will see many additions recently of classroom life, especially from our Secondary School.

Attached to this newsletter is information for our Year 10-12 students about university pathways, TAFE courses and apprenticeship/traineeship offerings. All students have this information; however, it is important that everyone is aware of these amazing opportunities now open for our students. In the coming weeks, there will be subject information sessions, Year 6-7 transition events and other information sessions available to parents and students to keep everyone informed and up to date. There will be more information to follow.

Mr Steven Lake
Deputy Principal

School Photos - Monday 22 June



With the current situation in relation to the COVID-19 virus, MSP photographers have organised a slightly different format than in previous years.

To comply with health authority requirements to minimise the spread of the virus, the format of our school photos will be a composite style, which will allow MSP to take the photos needed while maintaining the 1.5m social distance requirements.

This means each student will be photographed individually and the group created digitally as a composite. This will eliminate the need for students to be bunched together in close contact with other students or staff.

- Students will move in and out of the portrait studio area individually.
- The area will be set up in such a way as to ensure that each individual student will maintain the recommended social distancing guidelines of 1.5m from other students and the photographer.
- MSP Photography staff will provide instructions to each class upon entry to the photography area.

Hygiene and cleaning guidelines used by MSP Photography staff are in accordance with information distributed by Qld Health.

All staff and students will have an individual photo taken (**No** sibling photos this year).

Please note dress requirements as follows:

Students are to wear their full formal uniform and black shoes. All Secondary School boys are to wear their College ties.

All shirts need to be tucked in, shoelaces done up, ties on and hair combed, etc. Make sure secondary student ties are tied correctly and all the same length.

Prayer Families

TERM 2

Week 10

- Maas
- Matheson
- McCallum
- McIntyre

TERM 3

Week 2

- McNamara
- Mellor
- Middleton
- Molloy

Birthday Blessings

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

June

- 20 Georgia-May Parkin
- 23 Alexander Bulten
- 23 Ryan Lower
- 25 Samuel Wippell
- 29 Holly Walker
- 30 Ryan Jensen

July

- 1 Paytn Behrendorff
- 2 Rebecca Burain
- 3 Elaina DeGit
- 4 Lawson Boon
- 6 Brendan Conway
- 6 Harrison Fenech
- 8 Thomas Edwards
- 9 Mia Clapham
- 9 Reuben Peyper
- 11 Nathaniel Graham
- 11 Hugh Witten
- 13 Lachlan Parkin
- 13 Luke Smith
- 16 Sophia Devillers
- 16 Abigail Matheson
- 17 Luke James

Spotlight on Home Economics and Catering Club



Our Year 9/10 Food Technology Students recently completed their Special Occasion cakes for their Practical Assessment. Well done students, the cakes look AMAZING!

We were very fortunate to have Mrs Bailey join our catering club this week to share her tips and tricks on making the perfect fudge for National Fudge Day on Tuesday.



Our students were very spoilt this week thanks to Miss Keegan and her catering club students who prepared and served tacos for "Taco Tuesday". They were a huge hit and we look forward to the next "Taco Tuesday"!

Spotlight on Manual Arts

These amazing camp braziers produced by our Year 11 and 12 students will be a welcome addition at home now that the cool weather is starting to set in! Abby Loane from Year 12 has also completed her beach chair.



Report Cards and Parent/Teacher Interviews

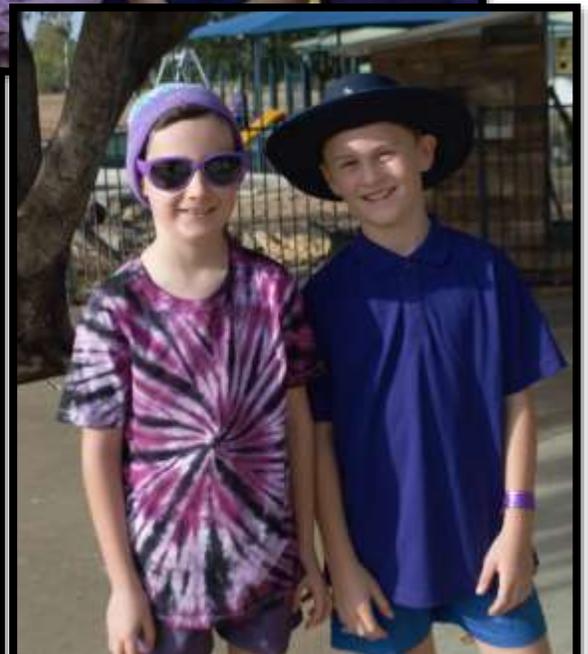
Report Cards and student portfolios will be sent home with students next Tuesday.

This will be followed by Parent/Teacher Interviews which will be conducted in the Pupil Free Week of Term 3. Information including details on how to book your interview will be sent home shortly.

We are excited to be able to offer a new online booking system for interviews which we hope will streamline the process.

Purple Day for Charlotte

The College was a haze of purple today as students and staff wore purple to remember our beautiful friend Charlotte. We were also treated to yummy cupcakes made by the Catering Club under the guidance of Miss Keegan with all funds raised from donations going to the Children's Hospital Fund. Thank you to all who donated today, we are proud to have raised over \$500 for this wonderful cause.





LLL Children's Savings Account

Helping your child understand what true value is all about.

For further information please contact the school office, or the LLL on 1800 556 457 or visit www.lll.org.au

How is your child's LLL Savings Account going?

Get your child on track for a lifetime of saving

Regular deposits encourage students to develop regular savings habits for life

Nominating your child's account as a Matching Deposit account will help our school

An LLL Children's Savings Account can help your child, and help our school.

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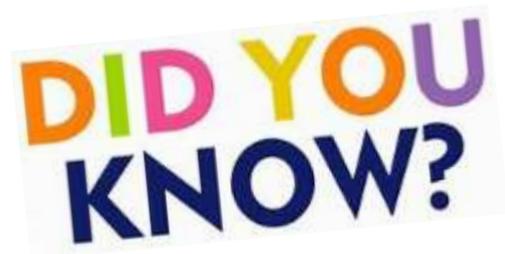
Finance with a mission

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Are you a Secondary student who has just landed your first job?

LLL have prepared a blog that will resonate with teenagers who are about to start their first job. It outlines what to budget for and the importance of saving for the future.

https://www.lll.org.au/blog/2019/05/17/youve_landed_your_first_job_woohoo_nailed_it



- Unless food is mixed with saliva you can't taste it.
- The average person falls asleep in 7 minutes.
- Redeemer Lutheran College, Biloela is set on 6.4 hectares (15.8 acres).
- In 1976 Mr Tom Price Jones offered his house and land for sale as a prospective site for a Primary School. The School committee recommended the property be purchased for \$40,000 and a loan from LLL was sought to secure the purchase.

FROM THE BUSINESS OFFICE

College Fees Overdue

College fees were due last Friday, 12th June. Thank you to the families who have paid their fees on time. This certainly helps the College to meet its own financial commitments. Any outstanding accounts after the due date may incur a \$55 Administration Fee. Families may pay any outstanding fees using internet banking, EFTPOS, credit card, cash, cheque or through Parent Lounge. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the office. Thank you.

Term 3 Fees

In an effort to help families plan for next term, please be advised that **accounts for Term Three** will go home on Friday, 24 July 2020 with a **due date of Friday, 14 August 2020**.

Uniform Shop Closed for Stock Take

The Uniform Shop will be closed for stock take on Wednesday, 24 June 2020. Next Monday afternoon will be the last shopping day for this term. Thank you to the volunteers who will be helping with the stock take.

Tax Deductible Donations

The College has three Deductible Gift Recipients Funds available for anyone wishing to make a Tax Deductible Donation to the College.

- The RLCB Building Fund was established in 2000 to enable the public to make unconditional contributions of \$2 or more to assist the College acquire, construct and maintain buildings.
- The RLCB Concessional Scholarship Fund was established in 2014 to enable the public to make unconditional contributions of \$2 or more to assist the College in offering Concessional Scholarships to successful applicants to assist in the payment of Tuition Fees for Secondary students where sufficient funds are available.
- The RLCB Public Library was established in 2014 to enable the public to make unconditional contributions of \$2 or more to assist the College Library to purchase resources for staff and students that are outside normal budgetary constraints.

Families, friends and interested persons are invited to make tax deductible donations to the fund of their choice through the office or during special activities such as Book Fair. An official receipt will be issued for taxation purposes so please remember to leave your name and postal address when donating. If you wish to donate on-line, please call the office for the BSB and Account numbers.

Once the deposit is received, the receipt will be issued.

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