

OUR NEWSLETTER

Term 1, Week 10



DEPUTY PRINCIPAL PRIMARY



I visited each class this week to read a couple of books and wish them all a Happy Easter. One of the books was a 'Little Blessings' book called *Why is there a Cross?* by Kathleen Long Bostrom. The 'Little Blessings' collection help answer big questions about God in a child-appropriate way. *Why is there a Cross?* looks at the meaning of the cross and why it is so significant to us as Christians. I loved asking each class about what they know about the cross and why Good Friday, the day we remember that Jesus died for us, is called 'good' when such a bad thing happened. We realised together that although that day was not a good day for Jesus, it was in fact the best day in history, it was the day that our sins were forgiven and our relationship with God was once again restored. Talk about good news! I hope you all have a wonderful Easter and a restful holiday.

On Thursday we were blessed to be led by our Primary Worship Band at the Whole College Easter Assembly. It is amazing to see our students' talents and abilities displayed and being used as an act of worship. I would like to thank all of our Instrumental Music tutors for all their hard work developing our kids in their musical abilities.

I would just like to remind everyone that in Primary, Report Cards are only issued at the end of Terms 2 and 4.

There are a number of key events coming up in Term 2. I have made a list of some of these. Please remember to keep an eye on the College Newsletters, emails and our Facebook pages to keep up to date with the latest information about these events.

Date	Event	Details
1 st May	Market Day	Students can bring money to spend at the Secondary Business Class Market Stalls
10 th May	Mother's Day Stall	Students can bring \$5 to spend at the stall
15 th May	School Dance	Years 4-6 Students 3:30pm-5:30pm Secondary Students from 6:00pm
21 st May	Interschool Cross Country	Selected Students from Year 4-6
24 th May	Interhouse Athletics Carnival (Year 2-6)	This takes place at the Townsville Sports Reserve (Red Track)
25 th May	Annual ACC Bushdance	A whole community event held on the College Oval
14 th June	Lower Primary Athletics Carnival (Kindy, Prep & Year 1)	This takes place on the College Oval

God bless,

Aidan Frewen-Lord

Deputy Principal – Primary



We have 596 members signed up to our ACC Community Facebook page. Join in on the conversations, questions and comments which are helping to build our community.

Request today to join the ACC Community.

DEPUTY PRINCIPAL SECONDARY



As Term 1 draws to a close I have been very thankful that despite a number of disruptions, mainly due to a weather event, it has been a really positive start to the year. Musical rehearsals and preparations are in full swing and our sporting teams have been doing really well. Our students have settled well into the routines of learning and I've really felt an overall sense of positivity and strong relationships developing. The Harmony day last Friday was a wonderful opportunity to celebrate the diversity within our school and Mr Welsby and senior leaders did a fabulous job organising the whole school assembly to recognise the 20 or so different countries/ethnicities represented at our college.

ANZAC Day

ANZAC Day will quickly be upon us on the other side of the holidays. As per custom, we will be marching as a College at the parade on the Strand on ANZAC day. We are limited to 50 participants, with our SRC attending and preference given to students of serving defence personnel. An information letter and accompanying eform has been distributed to all families, in order to register your child's interest in marching. On the Wednesday beforehand we'll also be having a whole school ANZAC assembly in Pioneer Hall that will provide a chance to highlight the importance of ANZAC day and the reasons why we observe it.

Bring Your Own Device (BYOD) extended to Year 9 in 2025

Recently, the decision was made to extend the BYOD program to Year 9 in 2024. That means that in 2025, all students in Year 9-12 will be required to bring a laptop device for use in school each day. Computers are already in widespread use across all levels in the College, whether is be in traditional computer labs or on student devices. Changes to curriculum requirements and assessment practices with the new V9 National Curriculum has increased the need for the use of computers both in and outside school hours. The introduction of BYOD for Year 9 is not aimed at necessarily increasing computer use in the classroom – it is a strategy aimed at managing using them more efficiently and effectively, responsive to multiple curriculum applications across subjects. Multi-modal tasks and the use of multi-media is now an essential feature of assessment tasks in all curriculum areas. Further, we have quite a number combined Yr 9&10 elective classes. Extending BYOD to Yr 9 will take a lot of pressure off our already heavily utilised computer labs.

Progress Reports & Parent-Teacher Interviews

Just a further reminder that Term 1 Progress Reports are due to be mailed and emailed to families by **Tuesday 2nd April**. These reports are not comprehensive reports on student achievement which we issue each semester. Rather, they are designed to give general feedback about your child's academic progress so far and to alert you of any concerns early on so that necessary steps can be made. It also provides information about your child's effort, attitude and behaviour in class. Parent-teacher interviews are scheduled for **Wednesday 24th April in Pioneer Hall**. Bookings for interviews are made online and an email with instructions on how to do this will be distributed when progress reports are issued. If a teacher ticks 'requested' for an interview but you have not been able to book an appointment, arrangements for a phone interview can be made. To schedule a phone meeting with a teacher, please email them first to arrange a mutually suitable time. Hard copies of the progress reports can be issued upon request.



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Staff Changes Term 2

There will be a few staffing changes starting Term 2 as a number of our Secondary team will be taking some extended leave or resigning:

Mrs Wynne will be on some well-deserved long service leave for the duration of Term 2. We welcome Kate Elsegood to the Secondary Office. Kate is a new addition to the ACC family, having moved this year from the Northern Territory with her husband Glen and four children, who are attending ACC. Kate has many years of administration work in a Christian school so I'm sure she will settle in quickly in the role.

Mrs Waller will also be on extended leave in Term 2 and will be replaced by Mrs Schneider two days a week. Mrs Schneider will also have her assistance dog Mia with her. Mrs Schneider introduced Mia to the students at the whole college assembly on Thursday and there will be more information distributed in due course.

Mr Albert Haig has resigned from his teaching role in order to be able to focus on his PHD as well as other family commitments. I thank Mr Haig for his contributions to our college and wish him all the very best for the future. Mr Haig's teaching load will be covered by existing staffing available in the school.

Locker Security

On Wednesday evening we had some intruders come onto school grounds who broke into a number of our student lockers. Fortunately, there was minimal damage to property and few belongings were stolen. However, it became apparent that in nearly all cases where lockers were broken into, it was due to the students not fully changing their combination. We are blessed at ACC to have very little theft at school, but on the flip side, it means that our students tend to get a bit complacent about security of belongings. Many have the habit of simply changing only one of the numbers on their locks. This may be OK during the school day, but after hours this makes easy pickings for more highly-motivated intruders to guess locker combinations in order to break into lockers. I spoke at assembly today reminding our students to properly secure their locks by moving all of the numbers, especially at the end of the day and end of term. Unfortunately, two laptops that were being stored in lockers overnight were stolen. I want to remind all students and families of our school laptop guidelines: "It is imperative that all lockers are locked each night so that codes are not easily cracked. All laptops must be taken home every day and extended holiday periods and not left in lockers for opportunistic thieves."

I wish everyone a happy Easter and look forward to continuing the good work in Term 2 after the holiday period.

Mal Schneider

Deputy Principal - Secondary





SPEECH MATTERS

It is my pleasure to advise that the Honours List from the ACM College has been made public. Several students from Annandale Christian College have been named in that list.

Speech and Drama Students

Micah Frewen-Lord	Silver Medal
Minji Kang	Gold Award with Distinction
Ellyse Pollard	Gold Award
Olivia Ireland	Silver Award
Stephen Colwell	Silver Award
Timothy Cox	Gold Award
Mac Robertson	Silver Award
Judah Ward	Gold Award with Distinction

Speaking and Communicating

Eden Hawksworth	Silver Award
Canaan Colwell	Gold Award with Distinction
Raichel Williams	Silver Award with Distinction

Special Awards

The Sheila Birchley Memorial Award (Speaking and Communicating)

Riley Van Reyk

Patrea O'Shea Memorial Award (Communication/Speech & Drama Years Ten to Twelve)

Canaan Colwell

Congratulations to all of you receiving these special awards. All your hard work has been rewarded.

If you would like any further information, please contact me either by email or by phone.

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Coffee Cart

NOW ON FRIDAYS!

7.45AM – 8.45am

In front of OSHC
(undercover area if raining)

Coffee is \$3.50 (\$1 off if you BYO cup)
Alternative milks available

If you have time, stop for a chat
at our tables under the trees.



All
Welcome

HOURS OF DUTY

TEACHERS ARE ON DUTY DURING THE FOLLOWING HOURS BEFORE AND AFTER SCHOOL:

MONDAY TO FRIDAY –
8.15AM TO 8.35AM & 3.00PM TO 3.20PM



NUT AWARE

There are a number of students with severe allergies to nuts and nut products at our College.

To ensure the safety and well-being of these students we ask for your support in removing ALL nut products from lunch boxes (eg peanut butter sandwiches, nutella, nut bars etc).

SCHOOL LOADING ZONE



Kiss
AND GO
Zone



Kiss 'n Go Key Points

- Please do not hold up traffic while waiting in the Kiss 'n Go Zone.
- If your student is not ready and waiting, please exit the zone.
- Please do not wait in no standing zones unless preparing to enter Kiss 'n Go Zone.
- Please do not allow children to exit the vehicle while in the no standing zones.

KEY DATES 2024

Date	Event
Thursday, 28 March	Last Day of Term 1
29 March—12 April	Easter Holidays
Monday, 15 April	First Day of Term 2
13—16 April	Gold Dukes Hinchinbrook Trip
Wednesday, 17 April	First Aid Training (Year 11 & 12 Aquatic Students)
Wednesday, 17 April	Year 10 JCU Science and Engineering Challenge
18—19 April	Ecoman Program
Friday, 19 April	L1 Assembly
Monday, 22 April	Year 12 Aquatics Boating Practical
Wednesday, 24 April	ANZAC Day Assembly
Thursday, 25 April	ANZAC Day—Public Holiday



EASTER

and thank you for a great term!

“For God so loved the world, that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.” John 3:16