

# OUR NEWSLETTER

Term 1, Week 4

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SRC & YEAR 12  
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INDUCTION

# FROM OUR PRINCIPAL



Dear Parents, Staff, and Students,

I trust this newsletter finds you well and blessed in the love of our Lord. As we navigate through the academic year, I am excited to share some significant developments at our College.

## **Executive Review by Associated Christian Schools:**

Associated Christian Schools (ACS) led by Lynne Doneley recently conducted an Executive Review of our College leadership team. The insightful recommendations provided in the forthcoming report will be presented to the Board in the next few weeks. I extend my heartfelt gratitude to all our staff who actively participated in this review and provided constructive feedback to enhance the skills of our leadership team. Your dedication to the betterment of our school and quality Christian education is truly commendable and this was expressed again and again by the External Reviewers. I am particularly proud of the many affirmations received about our leadership team as well as the staff interviewed during this process.

## **Progress on the Basketball Court:**

In other news, I am delighted to announce that the finalisation of grants for our much-anticipated Basketball Court is expected by the end of this month. The tender process is scheduled to commence soon after in March. This exciting development aligns with our commitment to providing top-notch facilities that enhance the overall experience of our students.

## **Ministerial Infrastructure Designation (MID) Consultation:**

We are actively engaging in the consultation process for our Ministerial Infrastructure Designation (MID). Information regarding our master plan is available on our website: <https://www.acc.qld.edu.au/news/master-plan/ACC>

Your input and support in shaping the future infrastructure of our school is invaluable and will enhance quality Christian education on this site in the decades to come.

## **Reminder on Student Behaviour:**

ACC has always been known for its peaceful learning environments, both in the playground and in the classroom. I would like to remind parents to engage in conversations with their children about the challenges they may be facing with their

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friends, especially during break times. Let us encourage them to regulate their behaviour and seek alternative solutions instead of speaking harshly to one another. While I understand the humid weather is not helping, I will be addressing this issue with our students in the coming days. Let us all remember one of our memory verses relevant to this current issue as we start these conversations: "A soft answer turns away wrath, but a harsh word stirs up anger." Proverbs 15:1 (ESV)

## **Car Park**

If you ride to school or are a parent of student who rides to school, thank you for reminding students to dismount their bicycle when riding through the College. It's important because a child ran into a reversing car yesterday in the Yolanda Drive new car park. As a short term measure we will be watching this car park before and after school. I have also contacted Annandale State School's principal about the incident in order to reinforce bicycle safety.

May God's grace and peace be with you all.

Blessings,

*Andrew Jones*

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## *The Reading Room*

Do you want homework assistance for English or Humanities?  
Help is available!

Where: in P1  
(upstairs in Pioneer Hall)

When: First break every Monday  
Bring along your lunch!





# DEPUTY PRINCIPAL PRIMARY



We are now at the beginning of week 5 and I have loved walking around the classes and seeing what our students are learning. Something that is highly valued at our college is having student work displayed in our classrooms. This allows for our students to feel proud of their efforts and refer back to their work to support their learning.

## **Primary Swimming Carnival**

On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> February, we had our Inter-House Swimming Carnival. The House Captains did a great job in leading team spirit with all the War Cries and it was great to see everyone trying their best in the pool.

Age Champions will be presented at our Whole School Assembly in Week 6 on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> March. Parents will be notified if their child will be receiving an award at this assembly.

Mr Vale is finalising the Inter-School Swimming participants and he has organised for some training for these students prior to the competition.

## **School Hats**

Please remember to label your child's hat clearly with their name to assist in returning lost hats to their owner. There is a tag in the crown to write a name, or alternatively you can write on the inside crown of the formal hat using a white permanent marker. The primary teachers and both offices have a white permanent marker to assist in this. Please do not write on the brim of the hat.

## **Parent-Teacher Interviews**

Emails about how to organise a Parent-Teacher Interview were sent out this week. You will have until Tuesday February 20<sup>th</sup> to complete these so that teachers can prepare for the interviews in the following week. If you are unable to attend a scheduled interview, please contact the classroom teacher so that an alternative arrangement can be made.

### *Year 1 to 6*

The interviews for students in Years 1 to 6 will be located in the Hall. They will go for 10 minutes over 2 days: Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February and Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February from 3:20-5:30pm. Use the link below to book an interview.

### *Prep*

The Prep interviews will take place in the Prep classrooms. These meetings will go for 15 minutes over 3 days: Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> February, Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> February from 3:15-5:30pm. The Prep teachers will contact you on how to book these interviews.

# DEPUTY PRINCIPAL SECONDARY



What a start to the year! It's hard to believe that we are already approaching the middle of the term. Walking around classrooms, it is great to see our students really settling into their learning and the routines of the school. Despite the warm conditions, our Interhouse Swimming Carnival was a great time for our students to get into the spirit of some healthy competition in the pool, ably led by our House Captains and Year 12 leaders. A big thank you to Mr Robertson and team for once again organising a successful event. Age champions and other awards will be presented at the whole school Wycliffe Assembly 8.30am 1<sup>st</sup> March in Pioneer Hall. Parents are welcome to attend. This week continues to be a busy schedule with Aquatic Practices & Chemistry excursions, Study Skills seminars with Elevate Education (Years 7,10,11 & 12), Creation Ministries guest speaker and our Senior MAD night.

## **Assessment Policy**

It's that time when it may be prudent to give some important reminders about rules and processes around assessment. Many students will find that they have a number of assessments due in the upcoming weeks. So, it's a good time for students and parents to familiarise themselves with our Junior Secondary (Years 7-10) and Senior Secondary Assessment Policies (Year 11 & 12) which can be found on the College's Webpage by clicking on the "Education" tab at the top and selecting "Assessment" from the drop down list. Students and parents should take particular note of the rules and processes around 'illness and misadventure' and submission of late assessments. A summary of this is also contained on Page 9 of the Student Diary.

## **Be Careful Planning Holidays**

Did you know that for senior assessment the Queensland Curriculum & Assessment Authority (QCAA) has very clear rules for senior studies regarding missing assessment due to family holidays etc. Their regulations state:

"In Years 11 & 12 students are NOT eligible for extensions to due dates if there is a known reason for an absence that is a matter of the student's or parent's/carer's own choosing (e.g. family holidays), and the student will be absent on the day the assessment is due." This particularly affects senior exams, where we are simply not allowed under the QCAA's academic integrity rules to reschedule exams for individual

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students because of holidays taken during term time.

## **Year 7 & 11 Camp Rescheduled to June**

Thanks to the persistence and efforts of Mr Pye, the Year 7 & 11 camp is now rescheduled to 5<sup>th</sup> – 7<sup>th</sup> June at Mungalli Falls. I really look forward to this camp as it gives me a chance to get to know our newest students in Secondary and learn their names! As it's a bit later than normal, I will need to find other ways to pop in and get to know them.

## **Musical Helpers**

Rehearsals for our production of *The Sound of Music (Youth)* are well and truly underway. Elsewhere in this newsletter and on our social media, is information on how you can be involved. If you can spare some time to assist on Monday afternoons we would love to hear from you. Mrs Clarke, Mrs Schneider & Mrs Paula Robertson would sure appreciate a team of sewers to help with costumes - you don't need to be expert level! And Mrs Lane would love to have some extra creative hands in bringing the props and set to life. Events such as this can be a great chance to develop community and connections, so please consider getting involved if you can.

## **Free Online Event- "Breaking Point; Unpacking the Crisis in Youth Mental Health"**

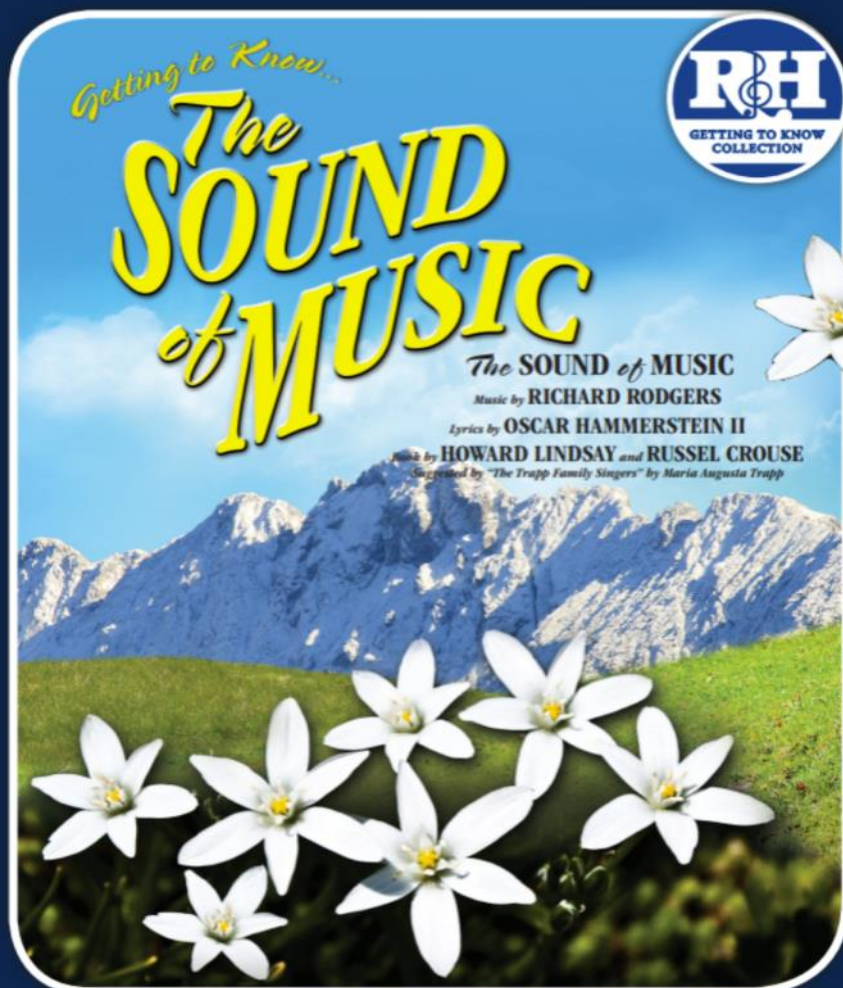
Last week, parents were sent an email with details on how to register for this important event. It is also advertised in this newsletter and on our social media. I would really encourage all families to get on board with this. When you register you also get access to a BONUS webinar, *'Riding the Waves'* – an on demand webinar for kids & teens aged 8-18 which includes tips for taming anxiety. You can view this webinar on your watch page anytime up until Tuesday 12th March, 2024.

This isn't just a workshop; it's a call to action. Join the conversation and be part of a dynamic, interactive experience where we collaborate to reshape the future of your children's mental health. Hear real stories, explore innovative solutions, and discover practical strategies to empower your kids.

*Mal Schneider*

*Deputy Principal – Secondary*





# Help Needed

ACC's Production of the Sound of Music (Youth) would love parent helpers in a number of areas:

- Props and artwork
- Costumes

If you have skills and can help on Monday afternoons 3.15pm – 5.00pm we'd love to hear from you!

For props & artwork contact Mrs Lane at: [jlane@acc.qld.edu.au](mailto:jlane@acc.qld.edu.au)

For costumes contact Mrs Clarke at: [cclarke@acc.qld.edu.au](mailto:cclarke@acc.qld.edu.au)

## NAPLAN

NATIONAL ASSESSMENT PROGRAM  
Literacy and Numeracy

### Why do students do NAPLAN?

NAPLAN is a national literacy and numeracy assessment that students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9 sit each year. It is the only national assessment all Australian students have the opportunity to undertake.

As students progress through their school years, it's important to check how well they are learning the essential skills of reading, writing and numeracy. NAPLAN assesses the literacy and numeracy skills that students are learning through the school curriculum and allows parents/carers to see how their child is progressing against national standards and over time.

All schools will be completing 2024 NAPLAN Online from **13-22 March**.

### Your child will do the NAPLAN tests online

Schools have transitioned from paper-based to computer-based assessments. All Year 3 students will continue to complete the writing assessment on paper.

### Participation in NAPLAN

NAPLAN is for everyone. ACARA supports inclusive testing so all students have the opportunity to participate in the national assessment program. Adjustments are available for students with disability who have diverse functional abilities and needs. Please contact Bridget Price [bprice@acc.qld.edu.au](mailto:bprice@acc.qld.edu.au) to discuss adjustments.

For more information about NAPLAN read the [NAPLAN Online information brochure for parents and carers](#)





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### Employment Opportunities

The below employment opportunities currently exist within our College. For further information please visit our College website at <https://www.acc.qld.edu.au/college/employment-opportunities/> or contact HR via email [hr@acc.qld.edu.au](mailto:hr@acc.qld.edu.au) or (07) 4725 2082. Please feel free to **share** these opportunities within your networks.

#### PERMANENT POSITIONS

##### **EALD Teacher**

Part time, 4 days per week, Term 2 start  
Job Listing: <https://www.seek.com.au/job/73751454>

##### **Head of Curriculum - Primary**

Part time or full time (negotiable), Term 2 start  
Job Listing: <https://www.seek.com.au/job/73749803>

##### **Kindergarten Teacher**

Part time, 2 days per week, immediate start  
Job Listing: <https://www.seek.com.au/job/73861351>

#### CONTRACT POSITIONS

##### **Secondary Learning Support Specialist**

Part time, 2-3 days per week, Term 2 contract  
Job Listing: <https://www.seek.com.au/job/73752374>

##### **Secondary Administration Assistant**

Part time, 3-4 days per week, Term 2 contract  
Job Listing: <https://www.seek.com.au/job/73753242>

#### CASUAL POSITIONS

##### **Learning Support Teacher Aide**

Casual, as needed basis  
Job Listing: <https://www.seek.com.au/job/73874361>



We have 586 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.**

# Volunteer Needed!

The P&F are seeking a dedicated person to take on the role of interim Treasurer for the next 6 months.

The role requires the person to attend team meetings where possible.

If this sounds interesting to you please send a letter of interest including a Pastoral referee to [pandf@acc.qld.edu.au](mailto:pandf@acc.qld.edu.au)



## ICYPOLES FOR TEAR FUNDRAISER

**WEDNESDAYS 3PM  
UNDERCOVER AREA  
\$1 EACH**





A REMINDER THAT THE NEW CARPARK ON YOLANDA DRIVE HAS HIGH VOLUMES OF TRAFFIC IN THE MORNING AND AFTERNOON. NO STUDENT FROM ANY SCHOOL SHOULD BE RIDING THEIR BIKES THROUGH THIS AREA. I HAVE CONTACTED THE LOCAL SCHOOLS ABOUT THIS MATTER AND WILL BE MONITORING BIKE SAFETY THROUGHOUT THE NEXT FEW WEEKS.

2025 Term Dates		2025 Public Holidays
Term 1	Tues Jan 28 – Fri Apr 4	January 1 January 27
Term 2	Tues Apr 22 – Fri Jun 27	April 18-21 April 25 May 5
Term 3	Tue Jul 15 – Fri Sep 19	
Term 4	Tuesday Oct 7 – Fri Dec 5	October 6 December 25-26

A big thank you to our community for your support in our Book Club and Annual Book Fair. Since 2020, the number of points earned from Book Clubs amounts to \$1,790.28. The amount earned from Book Fairs amounts to \$1,986.55.

Thank you for your support and for helping us buy more library books.



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**ANSWERS**

*with Dr Justin Coulson*

# Breaking Point

## Unpacking the crisis in youth mental health

Free Online Event

Tuesday 27 February

7.00pm AEST

14 day access to the recording



Latest national statistics indicate that mental health challenges are at an all-time high in Australian children and youth. Anxiety, depression, and other mental health disorders are wreaking havoc in our schools and families (not to mention the amplification of these challenges if your child is neuro-diverse). Suicide and self harm are rising. And finding good help is increasingly challenging.

Our kids and our families are at breaking point. How do we know if our kids will be ok? What can we do to support their mental health and resilience? What's going wrong, and how do we fix it?

Join Dr Justin Coulson, Australia's leading parenting expert, as he unpacks the mental health crisis enveloping our kids. He'll cover:

- The root causes behind the deteriorating state of mental health, and who (or what) is responsible
- The tools you need to reverse this trend for your children
- Science-backed, relationship-focused strategies to remedy school refusal
- Realistic approaches for managing screen time in a way that protects your child's wellbeing without completely alienating them from their peers
- Creating margin in your home and family life to protect and promote mental wellness

This isn't just a workshop; it's a call to action. Join the conversation and be part of a dynamic, interactive experience where we collaborate to reshape the future of your children's mental health. Hear real stories, explore innovative solutions, and discover practical strategies to empower your kids.

Annandale Christian College has purchased a whole school licence for the "Breaking Point" seminar with Dr Justin Coulson. That means all staff and parents have FREE access to this online event. Register online here:

<https://happyfamiliesfamilyeducation.ac-page.com/AnnandaleChristianCollege>



## 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

## 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

**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.
- 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.
- If your student is not ready and waiting, please exit the zone.

**Thank you!**





# KEY DATES 2024

Date	Event
Thursday, 22 February	Creation Ministries Guest Speaker at Assembly
Thursday, 22 February	Senior MAD Night
Monday, 26 February	TCEA Meeting
Monday, 26 February	Primary Incursion (Performing Arts Program)
Wednesday, 28 February	Interschool Chess Round 1
Friday, 1 March	Rugby Union Gala Day
Friday, 1 March	Wycliffe Whole School Assembly
Tuesday, 5 March	Primary 'B' Schools Swimming Carnival
Wednesday, 6 March	Free Dress Day (Compassion)
Friday, 8 March	Secondary Interschool Swimming Carnival
Monday, 11 March	PnF Meeting
Friday, 15 March	L1 Assembly
13—25 March	NAPLAN
18—22 March	Senior Mini Exam Block
Thursday, 21 March	Harmony Day
Friday, 22 March	D1 Assembly
Saturday, 23 March	PnF & SRC Trivia Night
24—27 March	Gold Dukes Hinchinbrook Island Trip