ANNANDALE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

*the Way, the Truth, the Life*

# OUR NEWSLETTER

*Term 1 Week 10*




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From Our Principal
*Mr Marcelle Calitz*

# From Our Principal

## *Mr Marcelle Calitz*

I am in the privileged position to regularly visit all the classes, and it is so beautiful to see the progress of students and staff. At the completion of visiting our classes with another principal, he commented that the academic engagement of students stood out for him. As I was doing my tour of classes this week, several students wanted to show me their progress, and I noticed the transformational outcomes in the learning experiences students had as a result of the collaboration with parents, teachers, education support officers, inclusive education team, and engagement facilitators.

Authentic partnership with parents/carers adds insights and perspectives that enable us to set our students up to flourish. I encourage parents/carers and staff to join the TCEA and/or P&F. Your input and contributions are valued and appreciated.

Some of our senior students arranged a praise and worship evening to conclude the term. It was such a beautiful student initiative to create an opportunity for students and staff to come together to praise God at 5.00 pm at the end of the term. So many students and staff are sharing testimonies of God doing amazing things in their lives.

I would like to share the following two verses to remind us of God's heart for his creation:

5 'Go back and tell Hezekiah, the ruler of my people, "This is what the Lord, the God of your father David, says: I have heard your prayer and seen your tears; I will heal you" (2 Kings 20:5).

23 The Lord will send rain to water the seeds you have planted—your fields will produce more crops than you need, and your cattle will graze in open pastures. (Isaiah 30: 23)

I pray that Easter will be a poignant time for us as we reflect on the reality and transformational power of God's love and restoration.

*Marcelle Calitz*
*College Principal*



From the Deputy Principal Primary

*Mr Aidan Frewen-Lord*

# From Our Deputy Principal Primary

## *Mr Aidan Frewen-Lord*

As we come to the close of Term 1, I want to extend my gratitude to our students, families, and staff for a wonderful start to the year. Easter reminds us of the incredible hope we have through Jesus' death and resurrection. As Scripture tells us, "He is not here; He has risen" (Luke 24:6), and this promise of new life encourages us to look forward with joy and confidence.

Throughout the term, our students have demonstrated growth not only academically but also in their understanding of God's love for them. It is a blessing to walk alongside them as they learn, serve, and continue to discover who God has created them to be. Easter reinforces the message found in John 3:16—that God's love is generous, sacrificial, and for everyone.

As we enter the holiday break, I pray that each family enjoys time together, rest, and moments to reflect on the hope we have in Christ. May this Easter season fill your homes with peace, gratitude, and renewed strength.
Wishing you a blessed and joy-filled Easter. I look forward to seeing you all back again on Monday 20th April.

### Interhouse Cross Country

This year we will have our Interhouse Cross Country in Term 2. It will be held on Friday 1st May (Week 2) from 8:30-10:45am. Our students will be practicing the course in the first two weeks of the term. Over the Easter break, your child may like to do some long-distance running training in preparation.

### Interhouse Athletics Carnivals

We have 2 events for Athletics in Primary school. More details on both events will be provided closer to the date.

- Years 2-6: Friday 12th June (Term 2 Week 8) at the Townsville Sports Reserve (Red Track)
- Kindy-Year 1: Friday 21st August (Term 3 Week 6) at ACC



From the Deputy Principal Primary

*Mr Aidan Frewen-Lord*

# From Our Deputy Principal Primary

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### School Shoes

Over the Easter Break, can I ask all families to check that their child has the correct footwear that aligns with our School Uniform. There are more and more students coming to school with the incorrect shoes. On Formal Uniform days students must have full black, leather-like shoes. On Sport days and Fridays students wear their joggers (any colour). You can find more information on our website https://www.acc.qld.edu.au/enrolment/uniforms/

### Primary Assemblies

Most weeks we have assemblies on Friday mornings which will be run by a cohort or by the Primary SRC. Every cohort has been allocated a week to present some items at the assembly. Your classroom teacher will send reminders closer to the date of your child's class assembly. Please note that changes to the timetable can occur, so keep an eye on updates in the Newsletters and from your child's teacher.

*Term 2*

| k | Date | Class | Details |
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| | 24th April | General | 8:30-9:00am |
| 2 | 30th April | Whole School | 11:35am-12:35pm<br>ANZAC Assembly |
| 3 | 8th May | General | 8:30-9:00am |
| 4 | 15th May | General | 8:30-9:00am |
| 5 | NONE | | House Spirit Week |
| 6 | 29th May | Prep Cohort | 8:30-9:15am |
| 7 | 5th June | General | 8:30-9:00am |
| 8 | NONE | | Upper Primary Athletics Carnival |
| 9 | 19th June | Whole School | 8:30-9:30am<br>Presenting Cross Country & Athletics Age Champions |
| 10 | 26th June | Year 2 Cohort | 8:30-9:15am |



From the Deputy Principal Secondary
*Mr Mal Schneider*

# From Our Deputy Principal Secondary

## *Mr Mal Schneider*

As Term 1 draws to a close, I have been very thankful 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 Cultural day & assembly 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 celebrate the 41 different countries/ethnicities represented at our college. Our cultural leader is also planning further events this year. I also had the privilege of taking 19 of our Arts & Humanities students to Melbourne and I was incredibly proud of how they conducted themselves. We had long days of jam-packed programs and they handled it all with a joyful spirit. The impromptu singing at various locations, including on public transport, will be something I will always remember and the number of comments from members of the public about how they encouraged and uplifted their day was incredible. A huge thank you to Mrs Lane, Mrs Quayle, Mrs Broadley and Mrs Vance for providing such an enriching opportunity for our students.

**Farewell Mr Hicks (sort of)**

At the end of this term we farewell Mr Hicks from our Secondary teaching team as he embraces a new direction as Associate Pastor at Fairfield Baptist Church. As we search for a suitable replacement, Mr Hicks has graciously offered to continue teaching his Yr12 Math Methods class until a replacment is found. We are still working on a plan for the remaining classes and will be communicated when this is finalised. Your prayers for a suitable permanent replacement would be appreciated.



From the Deputy Principal Secondary
*Mr Mal Schneider*

# From Our Deputy Principal Secondary

*Mr Mal Schneider*

**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 will be distributed to all families, in order to register your child's interest in marching. In consultation with our Adopt-A-Soldier, Glen Elsegood, this year will be have a slight departure from our usual whole school ANZAC assembly in Pioneer Hall in the lead up. Instead, we will observe this the week after, in order for a party from Lavarack Barracks to assist with the ceremony and other activities to highlight the importance of ANZAC day and the reasons why we observe it.

**Progress Reports & Parent-Teacher Interviews**

Term 1 Progress Reports are due to be mailed and emailed to families by Thursday 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 29th April in Pioneer Hall. Bookings for interviews are made online and an email with instructions on how to do this will be distributed the week after 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.

*Mal Schneider*
*Deputy Principal - Secondary*



# GRAND TOUR OF MELBOURNE

Our recent Humanities and Arts excursion, The Grand Tour of Melbourne, was a truly enriching experience.

Across the four days, 19 of our Year 10 -12 students and four staff immersed themselves in the vibrant life of the city. We explored significant landmarks, engaging with world-class museums and galleries, and gaining a deeper appreciation for Australia's history and diversity. Visits to places such as the State Library Victoria, The Jewish Museum of Australia, St. Paul's Cathedral, the Shrine of Remembrance, and the Immigration Museum encouraged reflection and curiosity, while time spent at either the National Gallery of Victoria or the Melbourne Museum allowed students to pursue their individual area of interest.

The group also enjoyed Melbourne's lively atmosphere, from its iconic laneways and crowded trams to the seaside charm of Geelong. Fun and connection were just as important as learning, with highlights including a hilarious evening of indoor mini-golf and ice cream by the Yarra, laughter and singing with a street busker on Swanston Street, and a stellar musical matinee.

Throughout the journey, students demonstrated outstanding behaviour, representing the school with maturity, respect, enthusiasm, and resilience! They embraced new experiences, supported one another, walked thousands of steps, and built lasting memories and friendships along the way.

This trip was not only an opportunity to explore one of Australia's great cities, but also a chance for students to grow in confidence and independence. It was a joy to see them step outside their comfort zones and engage so positively with everything Melbourne had to offer. It was a delight to travel and explore with our wonderful students.

Nicole Broadley
HOD English & Languages and HALD Co-ordinator



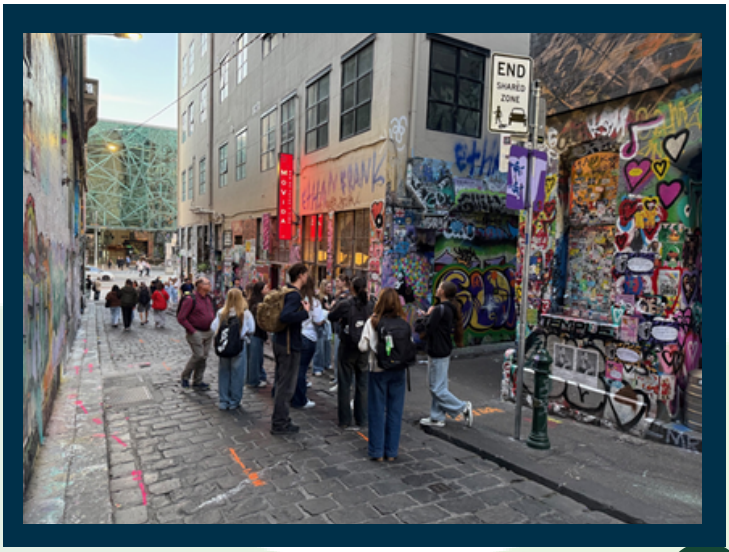
# MELBOURNE


















# ENTERPRISE
# POP UP









# Interschool Swimming Secondary

Last Friday, our students proudly represented Annandale Christian College at the Evelyn Scott Interschool Swimming Carnival. It was a perfect day for competition, with sunshine, great sportsmanship, and plenty of smiling faces.

Several of our swimmers stepped up into older age groups to help fill events, and they rose to the challenge with outstanding determination. We were thrilled to celebrate five boys age champions and four girls age champions, an incredible achievement and a testament to their hard work.

We are extremely proud of every one of our swimmers. Their commitment, courage, and team spirit continue to strengthen our sporting program, and we thank them all for their efforts and achievements.

We look forward to building on this success as we prepare to step up into the B Schools division in 2027.

Joshua Porter
Secondary HPE HOD / Sport Coordinator

# COLLEGE NEWS



Congratulations! to ACC Alumni (2020), Mr Ethan Craperi who on Wednesday officially graduated with distinction from JCU Secondary Education, receiving the Pam Gilbert (English) Jean Farnfield, and Ross Smith prizes (History).

We are so blessed to have you on our Secondary teaching team!




"Thank you so much to everyone who donated Woolies Bricks for our Lego Club boxes. Our Library Trading Post has been a huge success, and we're so grateful for your generosity!"




## Vacancies at ACC

Secondary Teacher (Mathematics) - APPLY HERE

Casual Relief Cleaner - APPLY HERE



# You're invited



Does God hear us when we pray?
Does He want us to bring our needs, and our praise to Him in prayer?
We believe the answer is **YES!**

Our school is a Christian community and we believe it is so important to come before God in prayer - and YOU are invited to join us.

Please feel welcome -
**WHEN** - 8:30am Friday morning
**WHERE** - Outside H block - near the Coffee Cart!
**WHO** - Staff, Parents/ Grandparents/ Carers - pre-school children welcome
**WHAT** - Prayer for our school/ activities and events/ and community members
**WHY -**
1 Thessalonians 5: 16-18 'Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus'
Philippians 4: 6-7 'Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.'

# COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

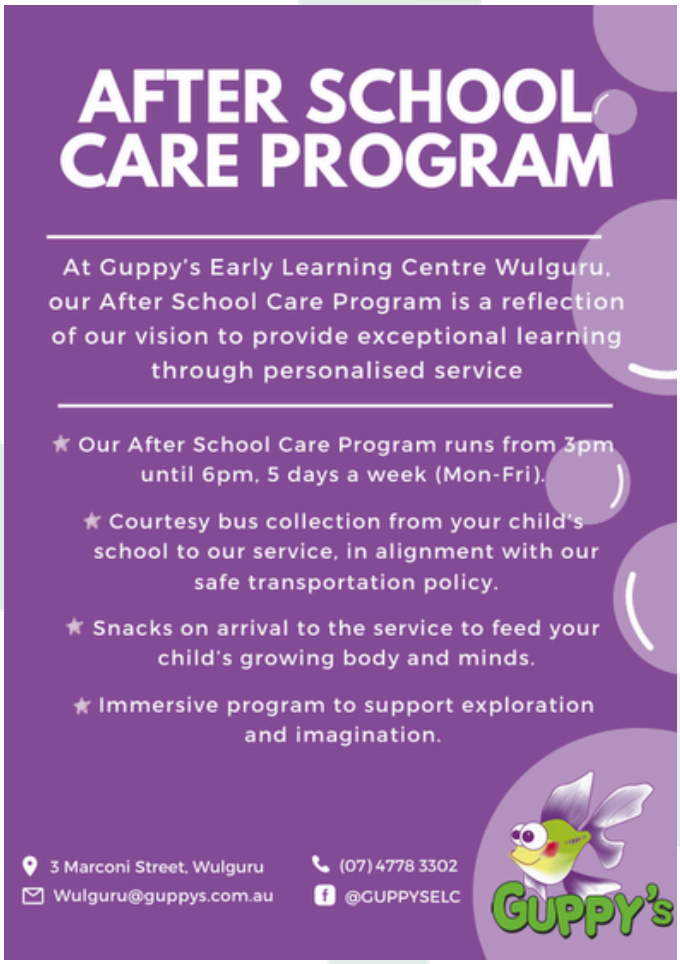


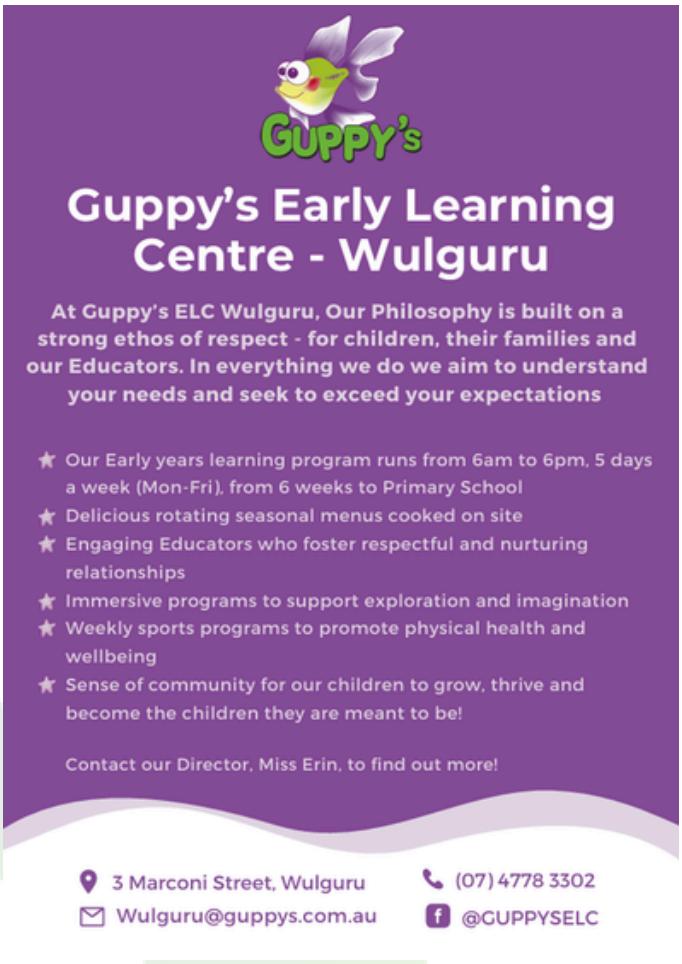









ANGLICAN MOTHERS UNION AUSTRALIA

**Mothers Union Invites you to a special event:**
**When: Saturday, 2nd May 2026 @ 2pm - 4pm**
For more information on MU: http://www.muaustralia.org.au/

**Join us to hear guest speaker: Dr Amanda Nickson with afternoon tea**



Venue: St Peters Anglican Church hall @ 90 Leigh Street, West End.
Topic: Living by Faith and building resilience skills.
Cost: Members: $10.00 per person or $20 for two tickets. To purchase tickets Email: viviennefeltham@bigpond.com

Non-members: $14 per person or $20 for two tickets. To purchase tickets Email: robyn_osu@hotmail.com TXT or phone Robyn: 0401602865 for enquiries.

Event registration opens @1.20pm on the day plan to be there

Dr Amanda Nickson is a wife, mother of three, social worker, lecturer, author, speaker and pastor. Amanda's passion is to encourage all people in their faith journey and to help bring them to a closer relationship with God. Amanda shares how to overcome circumstances, such as burnout, and feeling overwhelmed, while facing major health challenges. Amanda is a highly qualified and sought after speaker on a range of personal development topis such as building resilience and developing self -care plans for the individual. Are you feeling overwhelmed, and want some tools to cope? This might be the event for you!

# SPEECH MATTERS

Term 1 has been an exciting term for Speech Drama and Communication. The Queensland Awards were announced, and the secondary students have been presented with their awards, and the primary students will receive their awards at the beginning of Term 2.




Due to some class reshuffling, there are vacancies in three of the Speech and Drama Classes. Grade 5 on Tuesday at 3.45p.m, Grade 7 on Thursday at 3.45p.m. and Grade 4 on Friday at 3.45 p.m. Wednesday at 4.45 p.m. Grade 10 students interested in Speaking and Communicating.

If you are interested in any of these classes, please do not hesitate to contact me at the address below. I would like to hear from you.

Importance of Speech Drama and Communication
Speech drama and communication offer essential skills that contribute to personal and professional success. They develop confidence, communication skills, spontaneity, teamwork, articulation, empathy, and awareness of others.

These skills are used in everyday life, at school, at home, and at work. These subjects encourage students to think outside the box and develop self-confidence by participating in exams and performances. They also teach the foundations of speaking skills for clear and effective communication, developing skills to put thoughts together and clearly communicate ideas.




I trust that you all have a lovely holiday break and a blessed time this Easter Season as we reflect on the reason for this special season.

In the meantime, remember: Speech Matters!

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| KEY DATES 2026 | |
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| DATE | EVENT |
| Monday, 20 April | First Day of Term 2 |
| Monday 27 April | Aviation Camp - Monday & Tuesday |
| Wednesday, 29 April | Parent-Teacher Interviews - Secondary |
| Thursday, 30 April | Anzac Assembly |
| Thursday, 30 April | Bronze Dukes Qualifying & Practice Journey - Thursday & Friday |
| Friday, 1 May | Primary Interhouse Cross-Country |
| Monday, 4 May | Labour Day Public Holiday |

# Jesus Has Risen!



"This is love: not that we loved God, but that he loved us and sent his Son as an atoning sacrifice for our sins."
1 John 4:10

# HAPPY EASTER!