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OUR NEWSLETTER

Term 3 Week 2



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From Our
Principal
Mr Marcelle
Calitz

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Mr Marcelle Calitz

When I visited a Year 12 class this week, I had an opportunity to watch a student presentation. Whilst I was impressed with the quality of the content and the poignant digital presentation that the student had prepared, the fun, and support from peers and the teacher that permeated the interactions in that class made it a memorable experience.

On reflection, that class provided an experience of our vision to be a College that celebrates life and learning through Christ-centred Education. In his book, *The Air We Breathe*, Glen Scrivener raises awareness of the radical, lasting, pervasive change Jesus' teaching and interactions had on Western culture's views on equality, compassion, freedom, service, and kindness. Christ-centred education focusses our attention on how God sees us and raises awareness for each student of their unique God given purpose. This awareness informs our responsibilities, differentiation and diverse aspirations.

When Jesus was asked "Teacher, which is the greatest commandment in the Law?" Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind." This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: "Love your neighbour as yourself" – Matthew 22: 36 – 39 (NIV). The Bible teaches us that "Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres" – 1 Corinthians 13:4-7 (NIV).

At ACC, we aim to build a safe, supportive, and Christ-centred community. To ensure that we set each other up to feel safe and supported in our community, everyone has the following responsibilities:

- To let others feel safe and supported online as well as in physical settings.
- When students feel upset, they should report rather than react.
- Courage is the ability to engage with a task when someone feels uncertain, anxious, and out of their comfort zone.

Our expectation is that staff will support students to refrain from put downs and/or hurtful words/looks. We want to hone students' skills to build and maintain a safe and supportive community.



From the
Deputy
Principal
Primary

Mr Aidan
Frewen-
Lord

From Our Deputy Principal Primary

Mr Aidan Frewen-Lord

Welcome back to the new semester. I hope you all had a lovely break. Term Three is always a big term with different events.

Parent Teacher Interviews

Our Parent Teacher Interviews are scheduled for next week and will be an opportunity to discuss your child's progress and report card. If you did not get an opportunity to book an interview, please contact your child's classroom teacher.

Year 1 to 6

The interviews for students in Years 1 to 6 will be located in the Hall. They will be 10mins long across 2 days: Tuesday 29th July and Thursday 31st July from 3:20-5:30pm.

Prep

The Prep interviews will take place in the Prep classrooms. They will be 15 minutes long over 3 days: Tuesday 29th July, Wednesday 30th July and Thursday 31st July from 3:15-5:30pm.

Year 5 Camp

Our Year 5s have just returned from their camp to Virginia Park Station, a working cattle station 80 kms west of Townsville, and Charters Towers, as part of the Year 5 studies of early outback life in Australia. Students were taught how to pan for gold, explored the significance of Charters Towers in the Gold Rush era, and experienced cattle property life including cow milking, horse riding, bonfires and camp cooking. This camp is always a highlight for our students.

Year 6 Canberra Tour – Term 3 Week 5

Our Year 6 students will be going on a tour to Canberra. They will be undertaking an education tour of the national capital where the students will be given the opportunity to participate in a variety of educational programs with a focus on Australia's history, culture, heritage and democracy. It is a seven day / six night camp from 10th August to 16th August.

The Australian Government recognises the importance of all young Australians being able to visit the national capital as part of their Civics and Citizenship education.



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To assist families in meeting the costs of the excursion the Australian Government is contributing funding of \$750 per student under the Parliament and Civics Education Rebate (PACER) program towards those costs.

Interhouse Cross Country

The Primary Interhouse Cross-Country will be held in week 7 – Friday 29th August. All students will be running official distances within the College grounds and surrounding community. More details and the timetable will be sent to parents closer to the event.

Swimming Lessons

Primary students in Years 1 to 6 will do a 4-day intensive of swimming lessons during Week 7 and 8 of this term. Lessons will be conducted at Love2Swim, Long Tan Pool in Heatley. Our students in Years 1 and 2 will have 30min lessons and our students in Years 3 to 6 will have 45min lessons. Students will be assessed at the first lesson to be placed into the appropriate group for the remainder of the week. Transport to and from the swim centre each day will be via a local bus company. There are no additional costs for the swimming lessons or the coach transport.

Book Week

Week 6 is Book Week, which means we will once again have book characters wandering our school! If you don't want to do last minute sewing, can I encourage you to have a chat to your child about who they want to go as for Book Character Day.

Term Three Class Assemblies

Below is the list of classes that will be presenting items at the Primary Assemblies this term. Our Whole School NAIDOC assembly has been moved to Week 3 on Thursday. Please refer to any communication from the classroom teacher, as dates can change from time to time.

See next page for timetable



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Week	Date	Class	Details
1	18th July	General	8:30-9:00am
2	NONE		
3	31st July	Whole School (NAIDOC)	11:35-12:35
4	8th August	M2 (Year 1)	8:30-9:15am
5	15th August	C2 (Year 3)	8:30-9:15am
6	22nd August	Whole School	8:30-9:30am
7	NONE		Cross Country
8	NONE		Student Free Day
9	12th September	A2 (Year 6)	8:30-9:15am
10	19th September	K1 & K2 (Prep)	8:30-9:15am

Mr Aidan Frewen-Lord
Deputy Principal Primary



From the
Deputy
Principal
Secondary

Mr Mal
Schneider

From Our Deputy Principal Secondary

Mr Mal Schneider

Welcome to Term 3. I ended last term with 11 riders from our Mountain Bike Club competing at the Interschool Competition held at the Douglas MTB reserve. It was pleasing to see many of the riders improve in their skill and confidence with a number of them competing for the first time. Congratulations to our Senior Girls rider, Amy-Leigh, who came 3rd in her category. Unfortunately, we didn't have a team in the Paluma Push as it was in the holidays - maybe next year.

Parent-Teacher Interviews

Just a reminder that if you weren't able to secure an appointment with a teacher who you really wish to meet with at our recent parent-teacher interviews, please email them to organise either a phone or face-to-face interview at a mutually agreeable time.

Year 8 Adventure Day Camp

On Thursday and Friday next week, the Year 8's will be heading out on 2 days of adventure-based learning. They will be canoeing in Ross River and doing high ropes at Herveys Range. The purpose of the two days is to develop resilience, confidence and team work, as well as learn what God's word has to say about overcoming fear. Parents of Year 8, just a reminder that the Thursday evening finishes at Kingpin. Your children are to be picked up from there.

Inter-House Athletics Carnival

Our annual inter-house athletics carnival will be held on Tuesday the 29th of July at the Townsville Sports Reserve (Red Track) 24 Burke St, North Ward. The carnival provides an opportunity for healthy competition between the four houses and serves as the selection process for the interschool team. Students will bus to and from the College to the Sports Reserve. The bus will depart ACC at 8:30am and will leave the Townsville Sports Reserve at 2:30pm.

The program will run from 9:00am- 2:15pm.

If you intend to drop your child directly to the venue in the morning, please advise the Secondary office in advance. It is important that children sign in on arrival and sign out with their respective house teacher prior to departure.



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Parent are very welcome to attend and cheer on the competitors. Further information, including the program, will be coming out shortly.

Cyber Safety Update: Live Video Chats & Use of Webcams

Live Video Chat and use of Webcams is currently popular with young people. These apps can have positive outcomes, but there are also some serious potential dangers that need to be considered. For example, Omegle (re-launched as Uhmegle) was shut down due to being connected with grooming activities by paedophiles. Towards the end of last term, we discovered that some of our students have been using this app not just at home, but at school as well. Fortunately our IT Team detected this and we were able to act swiftly. The use of such apps at school without explicit permission from a staff member is a breach of our ICT Policy.

At our last assembly I spoke at length about the use of video chats and protective measures that students can employ if engaging in the use of such apps. When engaged in online chatting activity at home it is still important to consider safety. This can be addressed by:

- Considering who you are chatting to and what you are sharing with them.
- Remembering that what you share on camera (including things in the background) can give away personal information.
- Realising that webcam or live video footage can also be recorded by someone and then potentially shared and uploaded anywhere online.

There are excellent resources and information on the <https://www.carlyryanfoundation.com/> website.

MID-YEAR CHECK-UP

As we get into second semester now is a good time to do a bit of a check-up to see if students can improve their approach to their learning. Parents, you may like to go through these questions with your child and together set goals for Semester 2.



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1. Have you set yourself goals to strive for during this year?
2. Do you know what motivates you to learn and complete your work for school?
3. Do you try to take a positive approach to school and your studies?
4. Do you make the most of class time, listening and focusing and completing all work?
5. Have you been asking for help if you don't understand something?
6. Have you been writing all your homework into your diary or online planner and getting it done?
7. Have you been breaking down bigger tasks and scheduling the work in your diary/planner?
8. Have you been keeping track of what you complete and rescheduling unfinished work?
9. Have you organised your folders for papers and digital resources for school?
10. Do you have folders or somewhere at home to file away all your work and notes for your topics?
11. Have you been working on study notes each time you finish a topic for a subject?
12. Do you have a term planner above your desk where you can easily see when work is due?
13. Have you set up a good study environment at home, a place where you can focus and work?
14. Are you doing around an hour and a half of schoolwork most nights (2-3 hrs for seniors)?
15. Have you thought realistically about whether you have too many outside school activities?
16. Have you allocated set periods of time for school work (eg at least 3 x half hour blocks)?
17. Do you remove all distractions etc. when you are focusing on your schoolwork at home?
18. Do you prioritise each afternoon what you will work on that night?
19. When you make study notes, are you making them visual with mind maps, highlighting etc?
20. When you study for a test, do you both 'learn' the content and 'practise' the skills?
21. Do you try to do lots of the practise under examination conditions?
22. Have you reviewed the different study techniques that you should use for your learning preferences?
23. Are you doing more than 'just reading' when you study for an assessment?
24. Have you thought about how you will overcome the obstacles you face in achieving your best?
25. Have you set up some routines to try and create habits that will help you this year?

You can learn more about being more effective and efficient in your schoolwork at www.studyskillshandbook.com.au by logging in with these details:

username: annandalecc

password: learnsmart

Mr Mal Schneider
Deputy Principal Secondary

WEDNESDAY, 30 JULY

SILLY SOCK DAY

GOLD COIN DONATION

All money goes towards postage for Operation Christmas
Child boxes.



ICAS returns in Term 3.



ICAS
assessments

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Just a reminder that ICAS will return to ACC in August this year. The ICAS competition challenges your child, motivates them to succeed and provides you with an objective ranking of their academic performance. The tests are fully online and registration closes on July 28th.

KISS N GO ZONE

RULES

- If your child/ren is not ready and waiting, you must 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.
- Please do not hold up traffic while waiting in the Kiss 'n Go Zone.

Kiss N Go Zones need cooperation to ensure the safety of all children.

ACC String Ensemble Music Evening



Wednesday 30th July, 6:30pm, Pioneer Hall

Our ACC String Ensembles have been rehearsing since term 1 and now it's time for them to share their beautiful music with us.

All are welcome to attend and support our ACC string players.



*Lower Primary Parents: You're
invited to Afternoon Tea!*

Friday, August 15th | 2:15pm-3:15pm
Outside the Hall

Come along to have a chat and a bite to eat with each other and
some of the ACC Wellbeing Team.

We'd LOVE to see you.



PLAY



**come
find your
awesome**

ANNANDAE CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Starting Monday 4th August at 7:30am
6 Sessions

Prep - Year 6

Cost: \$80

Includes Awesome Pack!

Contact: Joel Newman Joel.Newman@afl.com.au 0499934387

*Program dates and times may vary see program details on the registration page



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Kids Do Well If They Can!

Collaborative Proactive Solutions (CPS) is the work of psychologist and author, Dr Ross W Greene. Dr Greene's evidence-based approach is centred on solving the problems that cause behaviour, not merely modifying behaviour. He believes that if we understand why and when a child is behaving in a certain way, we can help them problem-solve in a collaborative and proactive way to find a solution that meets both the needs of the child and those who have a behaviour expectation the child is required to meet (usually teachers, parents or peers).

Dr Greene bases his work on five key paradigm shifts, one of these being "Kids do well if they can." This contrasts with behaviour modification techniques that use rewards. Such techniques presume that the child has a motivational issue. Dr Greene's research discovered that for most children motivation isn't the issue underlying their challenging behaviour, but in fact the issue is a lack of skills to consistently meet the required behaviour expectations in a variety of situations. The behaviour that doesn't meet expectations is seen as a signal that there is an underlying problem.

Working together, adults help children to identify these underlying problems using an "ask the kid" approach. e.g. "I notice you are finding it tricky to focus on your book during silent reading time. What's up?" Working together, the child then develops skills as they negotiate win-win solutions.

The Wellbeing and Learning Support teams at ACC have been learning about the CPS approach so that we can support students to solve problems and develop skills that will enable them, over time, to meet behaviour expectations. We want to be in a space where we are working proactively so children don't need to signal to us that they need help through adaptive behaviours, rather than waiting for the behaviours to occur and then reacting to them in a way that never gets around to identifying and addressing the underlying problems.

If you have any questions or thoughts about this approach I'd love to hear about them! Contact me to arrange a time to meet tfragnito@acc.qld.edu.au

Have a great term!



Tania Fragnito
Director of Student Wellbeing

KEY DATES 2025

DATE	EVENT
Tuesday, 29 July	Secondary Interhouse Athletics Carnival
29 - 31 July	Primary Parent-Teacher Interviews
Wednesday, 30 July	Silly Sock Day
Thursday, 31 July	NAIDOC Assembly
31 July - 1 August	Year 8 Adventure Days
Friday, 1 August	Secondary School Surf League
4 - 8 August	Arts Week
Monday, 4 August	Careers Expo
4 - 5 August	Prep Vision Screening
Tuesday, 5 August	Primary Interschool Athletics
Tuesday, 5 August	Silver Trail
Wednesday, 6 August	Yr 10 & 11 Subject Info Evening
Wednesday, 6 August	Year 8 Ross River Excursion
Thursday, 7 August	MAD Night
8 - 10 August	Silver Dukes Practice Journey
10 - 16 August	Year 6 Canberra Tour
11 - 15 August	Science Week