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OUR NEWSLETTER

Term 3 Week 4

Secondary *Athletics Carnival*



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From Our
Principal
Mr Marcelle
Calitz

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The MAD night and Arts week celebrated our beautiful community spirit. Whilst we admired their finished products, it was more impressive to listen to the students explaining the thoughts that they explored in their art works.

How we see our young people impacts their self-esteem and their engagement with education. In Christ-centred education, we are invited to view our young people through the eyes of Jesus so that our students can get a glimpse of how God sees them. On the road to Damascus, an encounter with God gave Saul a glimpse of how God saw him. It transformed Saul, from a judgmental man on a mission to hurt people, into Paul, who understood that "I would gain nothing, unless I loved others" (1 Corinthians 13: 3).

Children are astute observers of adults. Our students look at what we notice and value to determine what is important. In a poignant seminar, "Your Image of the Child: Where Teaching Begins", Loris Malaguzzi argues:

What is important to the child is that the teacher sees the child while the child is working, while the child is putting out the effort to accomplish the task the processes are important, how much the child is putting into the effort, how heroic the child is doing this work. What children want is to be observed while engaged, they do not want the focus of the observation to be on the final product.

What we notice and the time we take to listen to their perceptions powerfully communicate our world view and values. We can help our students to become more confident learners when we focus on the process of learning rather than just their assessment grades. When students focus on the learning process, and effort, then the end result is likely to be better.

When we take time to listen to how students perceive their learning experiences, they notice that we care about them. When we then differentiate learning to enhance their academic engagement, students feel understood, safe and supported. When we focus on the process rather than the outcome, they are less likely to experience perfection paralysis and more likely to engage and persevere in learning.

Mr Marcelle Calitz
College Principal



From the
Deputy
Principal
Primary
Mr Aidan
Frewen-
Lord

From Our Deputy Principal Primary

Mr Aidan Frewen-Lord

We are almost half way through the term now. Last week we had our Parent Teacher Interviews, and I loved getting the opportunity to have some conversations with parents waiting for their interview.

Year 6 Canberra Tour – Mr Frew away

Our Year 6 students will be leaving for their tour to Canberra this weekend. I will be joining them on this tour and will be out of office until Tuesday 19th August. Mrs Natalie Hosie will be Acting Deputy Principal in my absence.

Book Week

Week 6 is Book Week with our annual Book Character Parade on Wednesday 20th August. I can't wait to see all our students' favourite characters come to life!

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.

Duty of Care

Before School:

Just a reminder that Students in Kindy to Year 2 need to have their parent with them until 8:15am. All other students need to be in the Under Cover Area if they arrive before 8:15am where there is a staff member supervising.



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Primary

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From Our Deputy Principal Primary

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After School:

Students should be waiting in their designated locations after school. We ask that you collect your child by 3:20pm. At 3:20pm, all students who have not been collected must move to the Under Cover Area for supervision.

The Lower Primary Playground is open until 3:20pm with a staff member on duty for our younger students. All other playgrounds are closed.

Winter Uniforms

With the cooler days we are now having, I just want to remind our families of the expectations of the uniform requirements:

Top

- College jacket (available at The School Locker)
- OR
- Bottle- green jumper or jacket: only plain bottle-green (e.g. no white/colour zips, no white/colour buttons, no writing)

Bottom

- Boys and girls may wear plain, bottle-green tracksuit pants (e.g. no writing, patterns or accent lines)
- Alternatively, girls may wear black coloured opaque footed tights with their white socks.

Mr Aidan Frewen-Lord
Deputy Principal Primary



From the
Deputy
Principal
Secondary

Mr Mal
Schneider

From Our Deputy Principal Secondary

Mr Mal Schneider

Year 8 Adventure Days

Last week I once again had the pleasure of instructing the canoeing component of our Year 8 Adventure Days and then sharing worship and a devotion at Kingpin in the evening. Our theme for our adventure days is "Overcoming Fear" I saw first hand and heard many examples of students really pushing through and conquering their fears. I was so impressed too with their desire to seek out God's purpose for their lives and their willingness to pray and care for each other.



Running Talent

Jordan B (Year 7) recently attended Queensland Representative trials for cross country at Nudgee college in Brisbane as part of the North Queensland cross country team. Jordan unfortunately missed out on a place this time, but did his team and school proud! Good job, Jordan!

QATSIF Graduation

I recently attended the QATSIF Graduation of ACC Yr 12 Round 15 recipient Issabellah R. QATSIF was created to give Queensland's Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander families increased educational choices and life opportunities. It is an independent, not-for-profit trust managed by The Public Trustee of Queensland and operates through a small Secretariat. A portion of QATSIF's funding comes from the interest on unspent "stolen wages" compensation monies held in trust by the Queensland Government.



From the
Deputy
Principal
Secondary

*Mr Mal
Schneider*

From Our Deputy Principal Secondary

Mr Mal Schneider

QATSIF provides educational scholarships of \$500 per semester (\$2000 across Years 11 and 12) to support eligible First Nations students with the educational costs of their senior studies. Each year, QATSIF contacts all Queensland schools (State, Catholic and Independent) to invite applications from their eligible Year 10 students. Well done Issabellah.

Staffing News

I am very pleased to announce that we have appointed an excellent replacement for Mr Collins in the Design & Technology area. Darrel Hawksworth will be joining the Secondary team in Week 6. Praise God for his provision! Darrel is well known to the ACC community; husband of the Principal's PA, Mrs Lauren Hawksworth, and father of current Yr10 Student, Eden. I would like to especially thank Mr Welsby, who, as Head of Department, has gone way above and beyond to ensure that our students have not been disadvantaged in their learning program in the interim. He was also supported by Mr Waite, Mr Jones and Mrs Schneider, who have shown incredible adaptability and willingness to serve. Darrel has some great ideas for the area and we look forward to exploring possibilities to even further enhance design and technology studies in our college.

*Mr Mal Schneider
Deputy Principal Secondary*

MARKET FOR A MISSION

15 AUG



On **Friday the 15th of August**, students will be selling a selection of their hand-crafted crochet items **next to the coffee cart.**



Every item has been lovingly handmade, so stocks are limited (make sure you get in early to see the true variety of the collection).

All proceeds will go to a special fund that supports students who may be unable to afford essential school expenses such as uniforms, excursions, fees, etc. Every purchase is more than just a handmade item; it's a small act of support for someone who needs it.

Please come along and support this new initiative, and help our students help their peers.





7:45 – 8:25am

Come have your photo taken in Pioneer Hall.
Visit the Coffee Cart & enjoy a Book Picnic outside Prep!

9 – 10am

Book Character Parade in Pioneer Hall

Primary Interschool Athletics Carnival

A huge congratulations to all students who participated in the recent Primary Interschool Athletics Carnival —everyone gave their best effort and showed great sportsmanship throughout the day. Many students achieved excellent results, with several earning placings in their events.

A special mention goes to four of our outstanding athletes who have been invited to participate in the 2025 Northern Region 10–12 Years Track and Field Trials – congratulations. We wish them all the best as they take the next step in their athletics journey!

Thank you to the amazing staff for their support, to Townsville Central Little Athletics coaches Mark, Jane and Ruby who helped run some trainings leading up to the carnival, and to the parents and carers who came along to cheer, encourage, and celebrate with us.

Thanks to everyone's combined efforts, our school finished an impressive 3rd overall for the "D" schools carnival—well done, team!



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.

Congratulations to our school sport representative

Jediah C represented the school in the Townsville U12 Blue Schoolboys Cricket team playing as an all-rounder against teams from the Whitsundays, Herbert River and the Burdekin.

Special thanks to the parents for your time and commitment in taking them to trials.







**ANNANDALE
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CRICKET BLAST

**AFTER SCHOOL
PROGRAMS**

Two Awesome Cricket Blast School Programs at Annandale CC. Four one-hour sessions in two groups: Rookies (5-7 years) and Challengers (8-11 years) to best cater for boys' and girls' abilities. As well as a whole lot of cricket fun, participants also receive a Blast pack!

WHEN: Wednesdays - 3.15pm:
August 20, 27 + September 3, 10

WHERE: Annandale CC - School Oval

COST: \$55 - Includes a Blast Pack

More Info: 0466 795 648
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SCAN ME

**LEARN THE GAME WITH
QUEENSLAND CRICKET COACHES**



**QUEENSLAND
CRICKET**

Sign up at www.playhq.com
Search: Qld Cricket Community Programs - Townsville

Cricket Blast programs are coming to ACC! Starting after school on Wednesdays from August 20, the programs are perfect for boys and girls, with groups for students aged 5-7 and 8-11 years. No experience is necessary, just a willingness to have fun with Queensland Cricket coaches. Sessions are one-hour and run over four weeks between 3pm and 4pm. But get in quick, because spots are limited.

Registration link: <https://www.playhq.com/cricket-australia/register/4c789a>
Contact antony.stewart@qldcricket.com.au with any queries.

2025 Queensland Schools Constitutional Convention

Celebrating Student Success at the 2025 Queensland Schools Constitutional Convention.

We are proud to celebrate the outstanding participation of our students in the 2025 Online Queensland Schools Constitutional Convention, held virtually on Thursday, July 31st. This event brought together students from across the state to engage in a day of rigorous debate and civic discussion.

Our student team showed exceptional insight and enthusiasm while exploring this year's thought-provoking topic:

"Revisiting Section 124 to Reimagine State Formation in Australia – Should the Constitution allow for flexible state boundaries to better serve regional communities and governance?"

Throughout the day, students examined the challenges and opportunities associated with reshaping state boundaries in Australia. Lively and informed discussions emerged around the feasibility of forming a new state of North Queensland or revisiting long-standing proposals for a New England state in northern New South Wales.

Participants from around the state grappled with the tensions and complexities involved in ensuring adequate political representation for regional communities, and the need to embed the voices of First Nations Australians in any constitutional reform. These conversations raised important questions about historical exclusion and how future models of governance can better reflect the diversity of Australia's population and geography.

A special congratulations to Agastya M, who has been selected as a delegate to represent Queensland at the National Schools Constitutional Convention in Canberra in 2026! This is an incredible achievement and a testament to Agastya's thoughtful and articulate prepared speech about Section 124 of the Constitution.

Congratulations to all participating students for representing our school with pride and for your contributions to meaningful civic dialogue.

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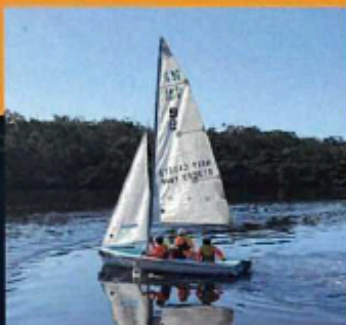
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AUSTRALIAN NAVY CADETS



ABOUT US

Supported by the Royal Australian Navy, the Australian Navy Cadets (ANC) is a leading provider of youth development, open to young Australians between the ages of 13-18 of all gender and ability.

With a focus on the maritime domain, cadets participate in numerous exciting and rewarding activities, both on land and the water, with the key objectives of building self-confidence and developing teamwork and leadership skills.

“ I love being a Navy cadet because it offers so many unique experiences and you make so many friends. ”

OUR PROGRAM

The ANC will chart a course for youth development into the future, embracing modern technology, while ensuring we maintain our maritime focus. This is achieved through our electives which include:

- Drone Flying
- Skill at Arms
- Cooking
- First Aid
- Musician
- Robotics
- Physical Fitness and Wellbeing
- Powerboating
- Bridge Operations
- Sailing
- Public Affairs

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KEY DATES 2025

DATE	EVENT
8 - 10 August	Silver Dukes Practice Journey
10 - 16 August	Year 6 Canberra Tour
11 - 15 August	Science Week
Wednesday, 13 August	Kindy Obstacle-a-thon (Group 1)
Thursday, 14 August	Cricket Gala Day
14 - 16 August	Silver Dukes Qualifying Journey
Thursday, 14 August	Kindy Obstacle-a-thon (Group 2)
Thursday, 14 August	Year 2 Excursion
18 - 22 August	Book Week
Monday, 18 August	ICAS Test (Science)
19 - 21 August	FQ Northern School Futsal State Championships
Wednesday, 20 August	Secondary Interschool Athletics
Friday, 22 August	ICAS Test (Science)
Friday, 22 August	JCU Heroes in Sport
25 - 28 August	Swimming Lessons (Year 2 - 4)
Monday, 25 August	TCEA Meeting
Tuesday, 26 August	ICAS Test (Maths)