

OUR NEWSLETTER

Term 3 Week 6



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From Our Principal Mr Marcelle Calitz

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Mr Marcelle Calitz

We value the insights that parents and carers add to collaborative meetings. Partnership with families is very important.

A big thank you to parents and carers who helped make Book Week such a memorable experience. The costumes and props, that even included a gingerbread house and a bus, added colour and excitement befitting our celebration of literature.

It is so wonderful to see the enthusiasm with which primary students participate in the literacy intervention program with Mrs McClymont. An important part of the literacy support is the recommended 15 minutes of reading with a parent/carer at home. I highly recommend investing in time to read with children at home to foster a love of reading.

Teachers and Teacher Aides will all receive a copy of Dr Ross Greene's book, Lost at School, as part of our professional reading that informs our collaborative and proactive solutions approach to enhance our support of students and building partnerships with parents and carers.

I pray that "'The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face towards you and give you peace'" (Numbers 6: 24 – 26).

Mr Marcelle Calitz College Principal



From the Deputy Principal Primary Mr Aidan Frewen-Lord

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What an adventurous fortnight we have had! This week we celebrated Book Week which was themed, 'Book an Adventure'. It was great to see all the amazing costumes at our Book Character Parade. Thank you to our families for making costumes and for those who came to our Parade. A special thanks to our Library Staff, Rachel Frewen-Lord, Rachel Mudge and Christina Doye for all your organisation to help us celebrate the joy of reading. Our students from Prep to Year 3 also had a visit from the author Nikki Rogers. She was very engaging as she shared with the students the process of making a story book. Our Year 6 students also returned from their Canberra Tour. What an adventure that was! Thank you for your prayers during the tour.

Interhouse Cross Country

We have our Cross Country next Friday, 29th August. Unfortunately it does not look like the Baskeball Courts will be open before this event. Mrs Stark has organised alternative routes and sitting areas for parents.

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.

Year 2, 3, 4 - Monday 25th August to Thursday 28th August 2025 (4 x lessons)

Class	Bus Pick Up Time	Lesson Time	Back at School
L1 / L2 - Year 2	1130	1145 - 1215	1230
C1 / C2 - Year 3	1200	1215 - 1300	1315
D1 / D2 - Year 4	1245	1300 - 1345	1400

Year 1, 5, 6 – Monday 1st to Thursday 4th September 2025 (4 x lessons)

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B1 / B2 - Year 5	1200	1215 - 1300	1315	
A1 / A2 - Year 6	1245	1300 - 1345	1400	

Mr Aidan Frewen-Lord Deputy Principal Primary



From the Deputy Principal Secondary Mr Mal Schneider

From Our Deputy Principal Secondary

Mr Mal Schneider

It certainly has been an interesting last couple of weeks. I've had a great time with 24 of our Year 10 Silver Duke of Edinburgh Award students, canoeing and hiking on our adventurous journeys. I value these times as it gives me an opportunity to connect with our students in the alternative setting of the outdoors. I will be taking some time off at various times later this term. Wednesday to Friday next week I'll be undergoing some medical treatment and in the last week I'll be using some of my long service leave to go and visit my first grandchild in Bendigo, Victoria. Mr Smith will be Acting DP in my absence.

Exam Block

The exam block schedule has been sent to students and parents. Exam block commences on Thursday 4th September and concludes for Yrs 8-10 on the Tuesday 9th September and Yrs 10, 11 & 12 on the 11th September. It is a little disjointed this year due to Interschool Chess and a Student Free Day punctuating the exam period. It has necessitated a 'soft start' for some subjects prior to the formal exam block in the hall. This exam block not only allows us to run mock external exams for out Yr12's under similar conditions, it also provides other year levels practice in sitting exams in a more formal sitting in the hall. Years 10-12 may study from home when not attending exams, provided that a signed exemption form has been submitted. Please ensure that you and your child read carefully the rules and protocols surrounding this. Please note that absences from exams due to illness or misadventure must be accompanied by a documentation such as a medical certificate.

Trimester Change Over

Trimester 3 for Year 7 & 8 subjects starts on Monday 25th August. New timetables will distributed to students this week so they can prepare for their new round of subjects.



From the Deputy Principal Secondary Mr Mal Schneider

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Policy Spotlight: Drafting of Student Assignments (written and non-written) work

Teachers and other participants in the teaching and learning process play a significant role in the drafting of student assessment responses. It is important to make the distinction between feedback given as part of the teaching and learning process and structured feedback given as part of developing an assessment response. The purpose of viewing student drafts is to provide students with feedback so that improvements can be made to the response. Drafting is a consultation process, not a marking process. The college has a Drafting Policy to make it clear to students, parents and teachers, expectations around drafting and draft feedback in line with the Queensland Curriculum and Assessment Authority. The policy is available on our college website and covers areas such as:

- 1. What a draft is
- 2. What sort of feedback is provided
- 3. Rules around draft submission and feedback
- 4. Suggested drafting strategies.

To access the policy you can go to: https://www.acc.qld.edu.au/education/assessment/

Mr Mal Schneider
Deputy Principal Seconday

Congratulations to our School Sport Representative



Congratulations to Halle on being selected to represent the school in the Northern Cricket team 10-12yrs Girls to compete in Brisbane at the State Championship in September. Special thanks to the parents and carers who help get these students to the trials.

QATSIF Round 15 Scholarship

Congratulations to QATSIF Round 15 Scholarship holder Issabellah R who recently attended a graduation ceremony at JCU.



Please join us to pray for our community, students, staff, and plans.

PRAY WITH US

EVERY FRIDAY | 8:30AM | NEAR THE
COFFEE CART

*Ask our coffee cart team if direction is needed

Year 6 Canberra Trip













COME AND TRY NIGHT

Water Polo is back for the 2025/2026 Season!

We welcome both returning and new faces from

Juniors - U10 to U15
Seniors - 16 and Over
Merch pre-order stand will be at the pool for all orders for the 2025/2026 Season!

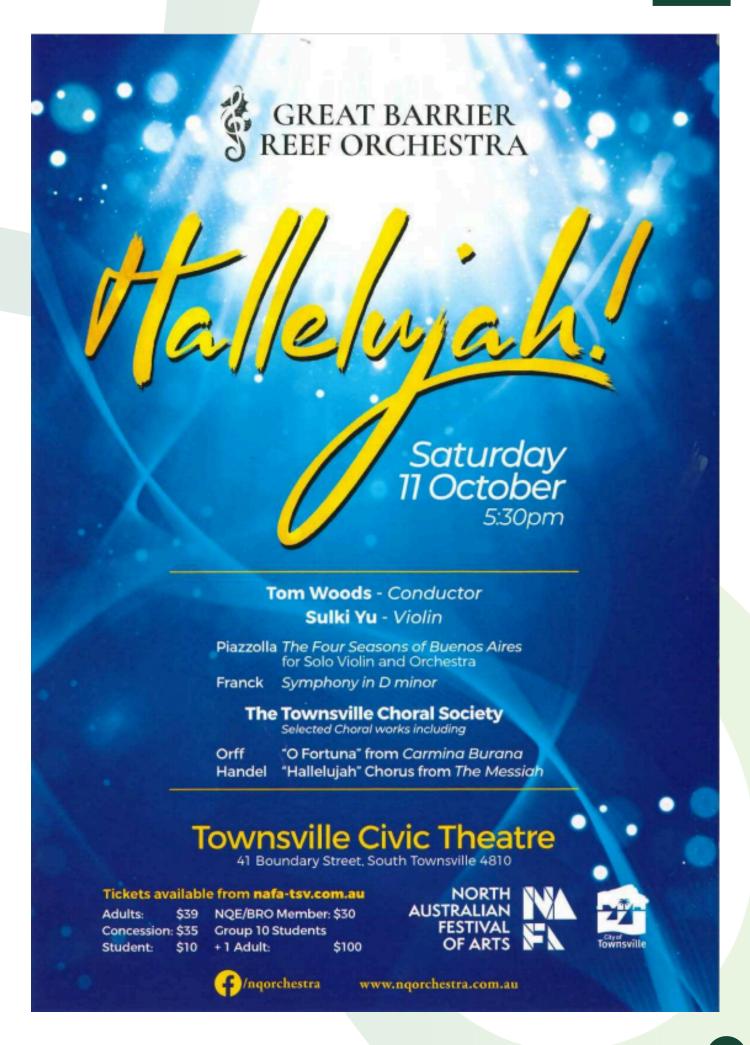
Where - Long Tan Pool Cost - Pool Entry Fee

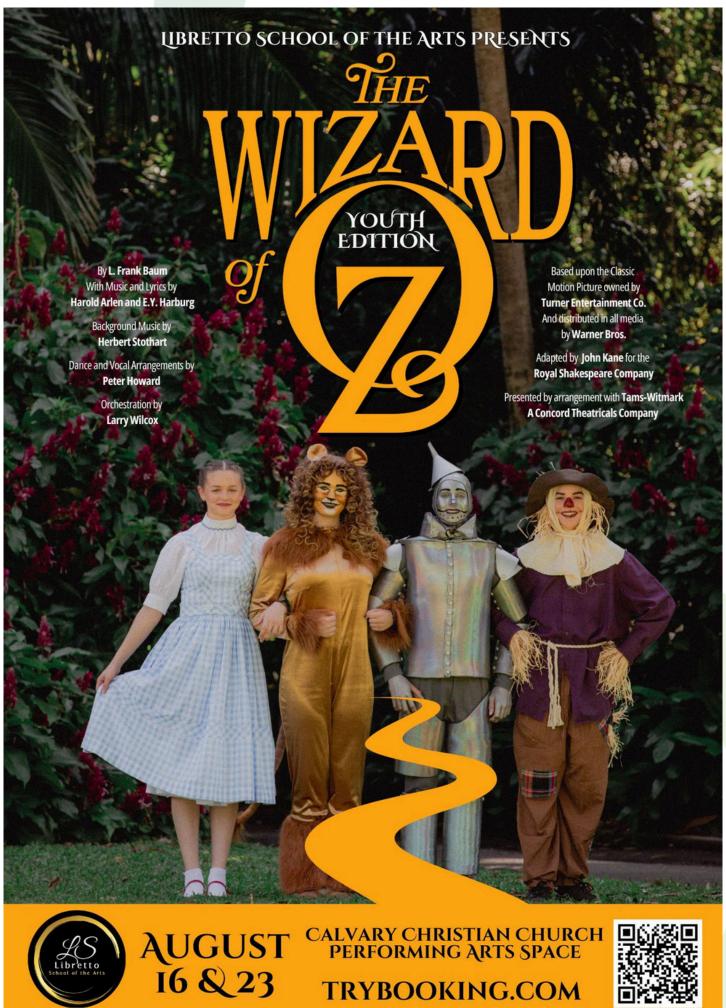
Juniors - 2nd September 6:30pm - 7:30pm

Seniors - 2nd September 7:30pm - 8:30pm













KEY DATES 2025				
DATE	EVENT			
25 - 28 August	Swimming Lessons (Year 2 - 4)			
Monday, 25 August	TCEA Meeting			
Tuesday, 26 August	ICAS Test (Maths)			
Friday, 29 August	Primary Interhouse Cross Country			
Friday, 29 August	QUT Guest Speakers in Business Class (Yr 9&10)			
Monday, 1 September	Year 12 Aquatic Fishing Assessment			
Monday, 1 September	PnF Meeting			
Tuesday, 2 September	Student and Parent Info Meeting - China Trip			
Wednesday, 3 September	Interschool Chess Round 3			
Thursday, 4 September	Father's Day Stall			
Friday, 5 September	STUDENT FREE DAY			
Tuesday, 9 September	Father's Night in K2 (Prep)			
Wednesday, 10 September	Kindy Father's Afternoon - Combined Event			
Wednesday, 10 September	Father's Night in K1 (Prep)			
Friday, 12 September	Year 12 Formal			
14 - 25 September	China Trip			
16 - 17 September	Team Photos			