

OUR NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 4

THE PAST FEW WEEKS...



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From Our
Principal
*Mr Marcelle
Calitz*

From Our Principal

Mr Marcelle Calitz

At the Christian Education National Conference, Principals reflected on how we can invite and welcome people at the table to share Christ's hospitality and engage in rich collaboration. The Principal's office is not a scary place for people, who are in trouble. My office is a safe place where we listen to understand experiences through the eyes of the students, parents/carers, and teachers whom we invite to collaborate on finding solutions and plans so that we can restore relationships and improve outcomes. The Principal's office is a place where we help people to solve their concern. That requires all participants to take responsibility for how we can set each other up to flourish.

At the Year 11 Leadership Camp, students and staff experienced transformational reflections, worship, and deepened understanding of God's love and call on our lives. It was so inspirational to observe how our students celebrate diversity whilst creating beautiful unity underpinned by a deep care for one another.

I pray that "Love and loyalty will come together; goodness and peace will unite. Loyalty will sprout from the ground; justice will look down from the sky above. Our Lord, you will bless us; our land will produce wonderful crops" (Psalm 85: 10 – 12).

*Mr Marcelle Calitz
College Principal*



From the
Deputy
Principal
Primary

Mr Aidan
Frewen-
Lord

From Our Deputy Principal Primary

Mr Aidan Frewen-Lord

I had the privilege of attending the 2026 Prep Information Evening last week to share about our College with the upcoming Prep families. It was a great opportunity to meet with new families to start our partnership in their children's educational journey. I want to express my gratitude to our Prep team for putting together such a great evening and their commitment to our youngest students.



Sun Safety

I would like to remind families that it is advised to apply sunscreen on your child prior to sending them to school during our hotter months. It is also important that all students have their school hat every day. Please remember to **label your child's hat**, so that if it goes missing it can be easily returned.

ACC Christmas Carols

On Wednesday 26th November, we will have our ACC Christmas Carols on the College oval once again. Please see below for the rough schedule of the event.

6:00pm Sausage Sizzle Starts

6:30pm Christmas Carols and Performances begin

8:30pm Event concludes

Primary Interschool Swimming

Last week our school competed in the Primary Interschool Swimming B Schools Competition. This had been postponed from earlier in the year, so it was some time since their training sessions with Mrs Melanie Stark and Mrs Elaine Bell. Our students did an outstanding job, taking home the B Schools Most Improved trophy. Congratulations to all our competitors and thank you to our dedicated staff who provide these opportunities and training for events such as these.



From the
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Primary
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From Our Deputy Principal Primary

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Term Four Class Assemblies

Below is the list of classes that will be presenting items at the Primary Assemblies this term. Please refer to any communication from the classroom teacher, as dates can change from time to time.

Week	Date	Class	Details
4	31 st October	L1 (Year 2)	8:30-9:15am
5	None		
6	14 th November	Primary Awards	8:30-9:45am
7	21 st November	Year 12 Farewell	8:30-9:45am
8	28 th November	Year 6 Graduation	8:30-10:30am
9	27 th November	Christmas Assembly TBC	8:30-9:15am (Thursday)

Mr Aidan Frewen-Lord
Deputy Principal Primary



From the
Deputy
Principal
Secondary

Mr Mal
Schneider

From Our Deputy Principal Secondary

Mr Mal Schneider

This term, as our Year 12's commenced their external examination period, our Year 10 students transitioned to senior studies by starting their Year 11 subjects. Apart from a few teething issues with the timetable program and rolls, it has gone quite smoothly with teachers reporting that they have adjusted enthusiastically to their new studies.

Last week we took our new Year 12's (2025 Year 11's) for their leadership camp in preparation for 2026. I came away extremely encouraged by the positive interactions and teamwork on display and how the Holy Spirit moved powerfully, with **many committing their lives to Jesus**. Thank you to all of our dedicated staff who gave up several evenings to ensure these great opportunities for our students. Upon return to school this week, this cohort have already commenced some senior duties such as running our assemblies, and they are already off to an incredible start.

On Wednesday we conducted the interviews for Student Council Executive positions for 2026. These positions are announced at our Celebration and Awards Evening on the 12th November.

Assessment Policy and Holidays during Term Time

As the end of year starts to approach, some families may be tempted to go on holidays early. I remind parents and students that holidays taken during school term time is not a valid reason for extensions or non-submission of assessment, and could have serious implications on student's grade. This is particularly the case for senior studies where are bound by the QCAA's regulations and procedures around assessment which includes:

"All AARA (Access Arrangements and Reasonable Adjustments) applications must be accompanied by the relevant supporting documentation (outlined in Section 6.5.1) and made as far in advance as possible to meet the QCAA published timelines.

Students are not eligible for AARA on the following grounds:

- unfamiliarity with the English language
- teacher absence or other teacher-related issues
- matters that the student could have avoided
- matters of the student's or parent's/carer's own choosing (eg. holidays, participation in sporting teams)
- matters that the school could have avoided.



From the
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Principal
Secondary

Mr Mal
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From Our Deputy Principal Secondary

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Students and parents/carers must contact the Head of Secondary as soon as possible and submit the relevant supporting documentation. Copies of the medical report template, extension application and other supporting documentation are available from the Secondary Office and the College's website (Student Wellbeing Tab). To make an informed decision about an illness and misadventure application, the QCAA requires a report that includes the following details:

- the illness, condition or event (including details of a diagnosis, where applicable)
- date of diagnosis, onset or occurrence
- symptoms, treatment or course of action related to the condition or event
- explanation of the probable effect of the illness, condition or event on the student's participation in the assessment
- for non-medical claims, written evidence from a relevant independent professional or other independent third party, such as a police report.

Correction on Academic Awards

In the last newsletter I made an error in the information I gave about the new GPA system for determining academic awards. It should read as follows:

Gold Academic Award

To earn a Gold Award for Academic Excellence, students have a grade point average (GPA) equivalent to an A- or higher. For senior students, this is calculated from only General & Applied subjects. For Years 7 & 8, Trimester 3 will not be included in the calculations.

Silver Academic Award

To earn a Silver Award for Academic Excellence, students have a grade point average (GPA) equivalent to an B or higher. For senior students, this is calculated from only General & Applied subjects. For Years 7 & 8, Trimester 3 will not be included in the calculations.



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YWAM Impact Summer

Impact Summer is coming up from December 18th–22nd! Our college has a great association with YWAM, and a number of our students attended their Impact Summer program in 2025. It is a great opportunity to build a closer and purposeful relationship with Christ in a fun environment that serves the community. We are so expectant for what God has in store for all the young people who will be a part of camp this year. More information about how to get involved is in this newsletter.



Mr Mal Schneider
Deputy Principal Secondary

NOT RETURNING IN 2026?

Email: enrolment@acc.qld.edu.au

A reminder that a term's notice must be given to avoid paying fees in lieu of notice, as per the enrolment contract. If you have not notified the office in writing, please do so immediately.



**WHAT
YOU CAN
RETURN**



Plastic Bottles



Flavoured Milk & Juice



Aluminium Cans

Recycling Week Competition - Battle of the Houses Term 4 Week 7

Would you like to win an icy pole to cool you down on these hot days? Well in Week 7 we will be giving away icy poles to one lucky house, and all you need to do to win them is bring in your

10 cent containers! Not only will you get a delicious treat, you'll also be helping the environment and raising money for Stable.

Every morning during Week 7, The year 3 students (and some Year 6 helpers) will be setting up a recycling stations at both the Yolanda Drive and Jonquil Drive entries. Bring your containers in to us and you will get 1 house point for each container. At the end of the week we will tally up all the house points earned and the winning house will receive their refreshing icy poles on Monday of week 8.

You can bring in any containers that have the 10c symbol including glass, plastic bottles, cans and poppers. So start saving those containers now to help your house and support Townsville's Christmas Festival, Stable NQ!



Primary Interschool Swimming Carnival

A huge congratulations to all the students who participated in the Primary Interschool Swimming Carnival, which was postponed from Term 1. Every student displayed excellent sportsmanship by cheering each other on, and they should all be incredibly proud of the effort they showed in every race.

Special congratulations to Andrew S, Sophie O, and Irene S for achieving first place in their Division One races.

A special mention also goes to our boys 10 years and under relay team—Ashton B, Lawson M, Andrew A, and Willem B—who finished in third place.

Thanks to everyone's combined efforts, our school was awarded the Townsville Primary School Carol Buchanan Shield 'B' Schools Most Improved. Well done, team!

Arts Arvo

Thank you to those in the school community who came to our "Arts Arvo". It was so wonderful to celebrate our art students from Year 9/10 who created beautiful lidded pots and senior students who appropriated the work of famous artists in digital projections, collage, animation, sculpture and even cake decorating!

The added layer of original music compositions from our talented 9/10 group, was very much appreciated. Thanks to our terrific music teacher, Miss Grieve! Our Drama performance of Shakespeare's "As You Like It" with its roving audience was great, too! It is always a special treat to see Ms Vance throw herself into various roles and perform alongside our students.

We are already looking forward to celebrating The Arts at ACC again at our first MAD night in February next year!



Year 3 Council Visit

Did you know that you cannot recycle batteries, and you should not put electronics in your bin as it might start a fire? This week the Gr 3 classes had a special visit from Miss Amelia who is from the Townsville City Council and she came to talk to us about recycling and rubbish in our city. We are learning all about community and how we can help in HASS this Term.

Firstly, she told us what to and what not to put into your recycling bin. We did a quiz about the correct items in your bin. She also told us about her job. She helps to keep Townsville clean and to educate people. Amelia told us about our TRASH. She told us that the red bin is for general waste, and this goes to landfill. She reminded us that things like dirty nappies and scraps go into the bin with a red lid. This bin gets picked up every week.

Next, she told us all about recycling. She showed us the recycling arrow sign but reminded us that unless it is black then it goes in the rubbish bin not recycling. Soft plastics aren't able to be recycled yet. She also told us that we should never put batteries or electronics in the bin, because it could start a fire. Then, she told us about what materials items are made from. We found out that bottles come from sand and that plastic are made from oil.

Finally, we watched a video about how our recycling is sorted at the Townsville facility and what happens to it. We saw the process from start to finish. It was very interesting. In our class, we talked about better changes we could all make at school and at home. We need to encourage people to put things in the right bin. We now have a magnet to put on our fridge to remind us what to recycle and what not to recycle. Can you join me in doing the right thing and putting the rubbish in the right bin. We don't want Townsville to become Trashville!

By Will.W and Briella C1

The Reading Room

Do you want assistance with your English or Humanities work?
Or do you just want a quiet space for reading?
Help is available!

Where: in E27
When: First break every Wednesday
Bring along your lunch!



3 x GOLDEN GUITAR WINNER

BRENDON WALMSLEY

IN CONCERT

ROAD TO RIVERLEIGH VIA TOWNSVILLE

FRIDAY 14 NOVEMBER
COMMON GROUND CHURCH OF CHRIST
Fulham Rd & Palmerston St, Vincent
6PM BBQ
7PM CONCERT

TICKETS:
brendonwalmsley.com.au

NEW ALBUM OUT NOW



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

KEY DATES 2025

DATE	EVENT
10 - 13 November	Library - Last Borrowing Week
Thursday, 13 November	Middle School Ethics Olympiad
Monday, 17 November	Year 12 Celebration Day
17 - 20 November	Library - Returning Week
Wednesday, 19 November	Secondary Celebration and Awards Evening
Friday, 21 November	Final Day Year 12
Friday, 21 November	Year 12 Graduation Ceremony
24 - 26 November	Parent Visits to Prep for Christmas
Tuesday, 25 November	Kindy Gr 1 Class Concert and Party
Friday, 28 November	Kindy Gr 2 Class Concert and Party
Friday, 28 November	Last Day Years 10 & 11
Friday, 28 November	Year 6 Graduation
1 - 5 December	Service Week
Wednesday, 3 December	Year 7 Transition Day and Parent Info Evening
Thursday, 4 December	Primary Christmas Assembly
Friday, 5 December	Last Day of Term 4