



ANNANDALE
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OUR NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 6



CELEBRATING PRIMARY AWARDS

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From Our
Principal
*Mr Marcelle
Calitz*

From Our Principal

Mr Marcelle Calitz

We want to develop resilient young people who value perseverance. Therefore, we want to partner with parents and carers to support our students to step out of their comfort zones and embrace challenges.

When we face a difficult task, the negative chatter in our minds is often the greatest obstacle we need to overcome. Avoidance robs us of the positive sense of accomplishment we will gain from putting in effort and persevering when we do not achieve instant success. The purpose of fear of failure is not to stop us from attempting a daunting task but rather to become courageous enough to reach out for support. When we recognize we are in a stressful moment, we can foster self-compassion by acknowledging "This is hard right now." We can rephrase any fear we might feel by acknowledging how courageous we are when we ask for help.

3 Rs that erode resilience:

- 1.If we rave too easily, it will create perfection paralysis, avoidance and anxiety.
- 2.If we rescue too quickly, it takes away the opportunities to learn new skills to thrive even when things are difficult.
- 3.If we risk too little, it deprives us from experiencing a sense of achievement that comes from problem solving and perseverance.

When we do not immediately rescue people, they discover that perseverance, grit, and collaboration will enable them to turn inevitable failures, setbacks, and challenges into opportunities to improve their skill sets. Reach out for support and focus on positive engagement rather than the outcome. Once you receive support and are shown how to do the work, you will start feeling less anxious. The longer you try to avoid doing the work, the worse your anxious thoughts will become. The more difficult the task, the greater the sense of accomplishment.



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It is helpful for our wellbeing when we intentionally shift our attention from things that get us down to noticing and appreciating kindness, courage, and good intentions. When we rescript fear, anxiety, and doubt as courage; access support from staff; focus on honing processes, strategies, and skills then we shall experience improvement that fosters a sense of achievement. Academic engagement is good for wellbeing.

I am praying that God “will send rain to water the metaphorical seeds you have planted so that your efforts will produce more crops than you need” (Isaiah 30: 23).

Mr Marcelle Calitz
College Principal



From the
Deputy
Principal
Primary

Mr Aidan
Frewen-
Lord

From Our Deputy Principal Primary

Mr Aidan Frewen-Lord

Week 6

This week we celebrated our Year 1 to 5 students who received their Memory Verse Certificates and other awards from throughout the year. It was a great event and I am so proud of all these students' achievements. Our Prep students will receive their certificates in class and our Year 6 students will receive their certificates at the Year 6 Graduation and Awards assembly in Week 8.

Code Club

This week saw the conclusion of our Code Club for 2025. It has been a great year of coding and to culminate our sessions we had a showcase afterschool for the parents to see what they have been up to this year. Our Year 3 and 4 students used coding to create games and animations using Scratch. Our Year 5 and 6 students competed in a Battle Bot competition. Students had to design, build and code Lego EV3 robots to compete against each other.

ACC Christmas Carols

On Wednesday 26th November, we will have our ACC Christmas Carols on the College oval once again. Our primary classes have been busy preparing their performances for the night. Between some performances there will be an opportunity for the community to join in and sing together. Lyrics for the songs will be sent out so you can have a copy on your phone if needed.

Awards and Celebration Assemblies

In Week 7, Friday 21st November, we have the Year 12 Graduation assembly.

In Week 8, Friday 28th November, we have our Year 6 Graduation and Award Assembly. We will celebrate the conclusion of Primary schooling for our students and hand out some awards to acknowledge the hard work and achievements of a number of these students.



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From Our Deputy Principal Primary

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Last Week Activities

In the final week of Term 4 there are a number of activities also:

- Instrumental Music Performances: Monday 1st December to Wednesday 3rd December
- Year 6 into 7 Transition Day: Wednesday 3rd December
- Christmas Assembly: Thursday 4th December
- P&F Christmas Market: Friday 5th December

God bless,

Mr Aidan Frewen-Lord
Deputy Principal – Primary



From the
Deputy
Principal
Secondary

Mr Mal
Schneider

From Our Deputy Principal Secondary

Mr Mal Schneider

This week as our Year 12's finish their external exams, we look forward to our Celebration & Awards evening and the Year 12 Graduation Ceremony. Our celebration and Awards Evening, held at Pioneer Hall on Wednesday 19th November, commencing at 6.45 pm, is a wonderful evening to gather to reflect on the year that's been, to give thanks to God for all of the blessings and successes. By now, students should have checked notice boards to see if they have been awarded a prize, and emails have been sent to parents of awardees. Please note that all students who attend the Celebration and Awards evening, regardless of whether they are receiving an award or not, must be dressed in full formal uniform (minus hat). Parents, please ensure that uniforms are neatly presented and shoes are polished. It is expected that all students attending are in the company of a parent or responsible adult and seated with them in the auditorium, unless allocated seating with awardees.

On Friday 21st November, we will gather once again as a college community to celebrate the graduation of our 2025 Year 12's and give them a rousing send off. The ceremony will commence at 8.45am in Pioneer Hall.

BYOD for Year 9 in 2026

For parents of students in Year 9 in 2025, just a reminder that we have a 'Bring Your Own Device' arrangement. The BYOD program is compulsory for Years 9 to 12. That is, current Year 8 students in 2025 will be expected to supply a BYO Laptop device when they begin Year 9 in 2026. The information booklet has recently been updated and emailed to families of Year 8 students and is also available on our college website.



From the
Deputy
Principal
Secondary

Mr Mal
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From Our Deputy Principal Secondary

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Service Week

Service week is an exciting and valuable time of the year! In Week 9, from Monday 1st to Friday 5th December, students from across Year 7, 8 and 9 will have an alternate timetable that will see them rotate through a number of different service activities. A number of off-site activities are planned, such as, a Year 8 hike and fun day to Riverway Lagoons, Rasmussen State School Service Team, visits to aged care facilities and more. For your child to be able to go offsite, the E-form for service week needs to be completed and returned, indicating your consent.

All other activities will be on-site here at the college. Students will wear school uniform each day, (formal or Sports) Monday to Thursday, with Friday being a free-dress day. However, students are encouraged to bring a change of clothes in case they need to get messy.

Although there are not formal classes, Service Week provides a great deal of valuable learning, which are core to our ethos and mission as a college which isn't necessarily possible in the regular classroom and so I ask parents to resist the temptation to allow your children to stay at home. However, if you are leaving early for holidays or anticipate that your child will not be attending this week for any other reasons, please let us know in advance by emailing the secondary office (sec_admin@acc.qld.edu.au) or by phoning the college on 47252082. Letting us know of absences in advance makes preparing for activities much more effective.



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Locker Clean Outs and Inspections

Locker clean outs will occur Friday 28th November as follows:

Period 1 Year 8

Period 2 Year 9

Period 3 Years 10 & 11

Period 4 Year 7

Students should come prepared with an extra bag or bags to collect all of their locker items. All textbooks are to be returned to the Secondary office and locks re-set to 0000. Once lockers are cleaned out, students may leave their bags in them but they won't be secure. Therefore, for service week, mobile phones may be kept on their person but must be switched off. Any student found using their phone will have it confiscated as per policy. More detailed information about locker clean up will be emailed closer to the time.

Mr Mal Schneider
Deputy Principal - Secondary



Middle School Ethics Olympiad

On Thursday, November 23, five of our Year 7 and 8 students participated in the annual Middle School Ethics Olympiad. It was an exciting day filled with fascinating discussions and debates on topics such as the morality of naming children, Spanish bullfighting, and the ethics of civilian intelligence in times of war.

Our students demonstrated creativity, collaboration, and confidence throughout their debates. Their thoughtful discussions reflected not only intellect but also empathy and respect — hallmarks of true leadership and learning. It was a delight to be their coach.

They received a bronze medal, placing third out of 23 teams, and were also awarded an honourable mention from the judges for the quality of their responses and conduct on the day.

Nicole Broadley

COMPETITION TIME



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.

We would like to announce that next week, week 7, is Recycling Week. Year 3 is running a Battle of the Houses competition to see which house brings in the most 10c containers.

Every morning during Week 7, the Year 3 students (and some Year 6 helpers) will be setting up recycling stations at both the Yolanda Drive and Jonquil Drive entries between 8:00 to 8:30. Bring your containers 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!

News from the P & F...

CHRISTMAS CAROLS

Helpers are needed for the Christmas Carols Sausage Sizzle on the 26th November.

If you'd like to be involved please contact pandf@acc.qld.edu.au



CHRISTMAS MARKETS

Register your stall today for the P&F Christmas Market happening Friday 5th December.

Stall fees are Adult run stalls \$5; Student run stalls \$2; Stalls run for charity \$3.

The sign up form to register your stall is at the College office.

SECOND HAND UNIFORMS

The P&F are running their second hand uniform stall again at the Christmas Market. This stall is a great way to find bargains for the new school year and/or to recoup a little bit of money.

Why not take advantage of this service and prepare your no longer needed uniforms for sale. Forms are available at the office. Prepared uniforms can be dropped off to the tubs in the office foyer starting Friday 28th November.



Second-hand **UNIFORMS** at the ACC Christmas Market

Date: Friday, 5th December 2025 (last day of school)

Time: 2:30pm – 4:30pm

Place: Pioneer Hall

BUY

Enjoy the Christmas market & prepare for next year at the P&F Second-hand Uniform Stall by finding a uniform bargain or two.

SELL

Families can sell uniforms at the P&F Uniform Stall on the last day of school. Registration forms for selling uniforms will be sent out with the school newsletter and are also available from the main office.

Items for sale can be placed in the marked tubs in the office foyer from Friday 28th November. Closing at 9.30am Friday 5th December.

All items for sale must have a price tag attached and be submitted with a signed registration form.

For more information, please email pandf@acc.qld.edu.au or contact Deb Harris on 0413 751 376 or Maryanne Martin on 0408 075 535.

VOLUNTEER

Volunteers are needed on Thursday 4th December and Friday 5th December between 9am - 12 pm to help sort and check uniforms. Please email pandf@acc.qld.edu.au or contact Deb Harris on 0413 751 376 or Maryanne Martin on 0408 075 535 if you can help!

SPEECH MATTERS



Firstly, I would like to say thank you to the Annandale Community for allowing me to teach your students again this year. It has been a wonderful year.
I would like to inform you that I would like to continue teaching from my Kirwan studio in 2026.

In SPEECH AND DRAMA

Vacancies exist for students in Grades 3 to 6. These classes are confidence building allowing students to become effective communicators while having fun!!!



In SPEAKING & COMMUNICATING

Vacancies exist for students in Grade 7 to Grade 12. These classes are designed to assist students with oral presentations in the classroom and to cope with everyday situations such as giving directions, proposing a toast, welcoming/farewelling a peer etc.

Both courses will provide students with life skills which are necessary if students want to excel.

As stated above, Classes are conducted outside of School hours namely afternoons or on Saturdays.

To receive a handbook or further information, please contact: Marjory Compton on: 0427 732 015 or email: marjory@comptonstudio.com.au

In the meantime, remember :
Speech Matters!



COME + CELEBRATE
CHRISTMAS AT
STABLE AT CLUDEN

18th - 22nd of December
5.30pm - 9.00pm

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
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