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OUR NEWSLETTER

Term 4 Week 8



Congratulations!

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From Our
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Over the last fortnight, we gathered and celebrated the contributions and achievements of our students. We are very grateful for the support and encouragement that our staff give our young people.

This year I introduced two awards to recognise sustained effort, perseverance and positive influence.

The *Principal Encouragement Award* to recognise students who have shown significant effort or notable improvement over the semester, or term. The award recognises students' hard work and improvement. This award is not intended to replace or diminish the awards presented on Awards Night, but rather to provide opportunities throughout the year to informally celebrate students who demonstrate significant effort or improvement.

The *Principal's Award* celebrates a student who often 'stands in the wings' unnoticed but who quietly sets others up to flourish. The recipient of the Principal's Award exemplifies servant leadership without accolades. Jenisa Jaimon is the inaugural winner of the Principal's Award. She has contributed widely to our community. She has demonstrated not only outstanding initiative but also a genuine passion for bringing people



together. Her outstanding leadership and organisational skill as the assembly leader made assemblies vibrant and an interactive experience that students genuinely look forward to. Jenisa's meticulous planning ensured assemblies ran smoothly, while her creativity brought fresh ideas and engaging activities that resonated with her peers. She has worked tirelessly to make assemblies not just informative, but enjoyable and meaningful -



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providing students with an avenue to share their voices, celebrate achievements, and build a stronger sense of community. Her ability to inspire participation and foster a welcoming environment has left a lasting impact on both students and staff.

In Matthew 25:34 – 40, Jesus tells his followers:

Then the King will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, I was a stranger, and you welcomed me, I was naked and you clothed me, I was sick and you visited me, I was in prison, and you came to me.' Then the righteous will answer him, saying, 'Lord, when did we see you hungry and feed you, or thirsty and give you drink? And when did we see you a stranger and welcome you, or naked and clothe you? And when did we see you sick or in prison and visit you?' And the King will answer them, 'Truly, I say to you, as you did it to one of the least of these my brothers, you did it to me.'

At ACC, we want to embrace opportunities to share God's hospitality, love and transformational influence in an authentic Christian community.

I pray that God will bless you and that Christmas will be a meaningful and refreshing celebration of Jesus' birth



From the
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Mr Aidan
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From Our Deputy Principal Primary

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Today we celebrated our Year 6 students' graduation from Primary school. It is always a very special celebration as we reflect on their Primary schooling and all their achievements throughout their time here at Annandale Christian College. Thank you to all the parents and staff for your investment into these incredible young people. I know that there are great things in store for this cohort in the years to come.

ACC Christmas Carols

The ACC Christmas Carols were once again a great community event and a great way to start this Christmas season thinking about the true meaning of Christmas through song and dance. Thank you to Mrs Karly Pitt for organising the Primary classes for their performances. A big shout out to our Primary Worship Band for leading us in the Community Carols, the P&F for organising the Sausage Sizzle, and our ACC staff for all your contributions to make this event happen.

Report cards

At the end of each semester a Report Card will be issued via email. This usually occurs in the first week of the school holidays. If you would like a paper copy, you can come to the Front Office to request one be printed after the Report Cards have been issued.

We have made some changes to our Semester 2 Report Cards to make it more accessible for parents. For most subjects, students will only be receiving an Overall Grade and Effort, as the 'Areas of Assessment' for most subjects are weighted very differently and can cause confusion of how an Overall Grade is awarded. Our Christian Education subject has moved from the Academic Subjects section to a new section called 'Christian Values' using our Non-Academic grading of Consistently, Usually, Sometimes and Rarely.



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Last Week Activities

In the final week of term there are a number of activities:

- Instrumental Music Performances: Monday 1st December to Wednesday 3rd December
 - Please see emails from Monika Ward regarding the timetable for this
- PE Wet Play Activities (Year 2-6): During PE lessons
 - Bring togs and towel
 - Please see email from Mrs Stark for more details
- Year 6 into 7 Transition Day: Wednesday 3rd December
- Christmas Assembly: Thursday 4th December, 8:45am
- P&F Christmas Market: Friday 5th December

Mr Aidan Frewen-Lord
Deputy Principal Primary



From the
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Secondary

Mr Mal
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From Our Deputy Principal Secondary

Mr Mal Schneider

Last week was a great time of celebration with the Celebration and Awards night and Year 12 graduation events. It was great to reflect on all of the successful events and student achievements over the year and to count God's many blessings through it all. We turn our attention now to wrapping up the year and there's plenty more on the horizon as we see out the year.

Year 6 into Year 7 Transition Day and Parent Information Evening

On Wednesday the 3rd December we will be holding our main transition event for Year 6 going into Year 7. It'll be a great opportunity for the students to gain an insight into a typical day in Year 7 and to meet key teachers. For those new to ACC, it will also be a great chance to meet some friendly faces and to familiarise with the campus so it's not so scary day 1 next year.

Students should wear their current school uniform and ensure that they have a hat. Closed-in shoes must be worn as an occupational health and safety requirement. Students should also bring a small exercise book and pen, a packed lunch and water bottle.

A parent information session will follow at 6.00pm in the Year 7 classrooms in upper G block.

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. Student groups will be helping across the school in various capacities and in three different churches: Northreach and Fairfield Baptist Churches and Willows Presbyterian. A popular activity



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every year is the opportunity to serve at Rasmussen State Primary School. Another group will support a senior citizens group having a Christmas Luncheon at Willows Presbyterian.

I am excited to announce some new activities this year: a leadership conference in the style of the Global Leadership Challenge with students from Wulguru State School, as well as a group from Yr 5 here at ACC, a visit to residents at Carinity Fairfield Grange Aged Care. Another service opportunity will be a visit to Shalom Christian College. Students will also be linking with Daily Bread Ministries at Fairfield Baptist church to print T-shirts and book bags to encourage students in the Spirit Readers program at Wulguru State School.

On Wednesday, in addition to all the excitement above, all Yr 8s will hike to Riverway (and return by bus) as an introduction to the Duke of Edinburgh Program on offer at school. Our Year 6/7 Secondary experience is also on this day and some students will assist teachers with their activities.

On Friday we run our own Amazing Race in teams around the school. A sausage sizzle will be offered at lunch on this last day of the year for students.

Don't forget the Christmas markets that operate after school on this day in Pioneer Hall. It is a lovely way to wind down and celebrate the end of another busy year.

For students to participate in off-site activities, you need to complete and submit the eform.

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. Lockers



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will have been cleaned out by then but your students can still leave their bags in a locker. Just note that these won't be secure, so students may keep their phones on their person as long as they are switched off. Any student found using their phone without permission will have it confiscated as per school policy.

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.

Reports and Information about 2025

At the end of term, Semester 2 reports will only be issued by email. Along with the semester report, the email will also contain important information about the start of 2025, stationery lists and the Secondary agreement forms that parents and students need to read and sign for return to the Secondary Office at the start of next year. Please note that student computer and email accounts will not be activated until the forms are returned. If you wish to receive a hard copy of the report and the information, please contact the Secondary Office.

E-scooters and bikes

The Queensland Police Service (QPS) is continuing its strong focus on community safety by addressing unsafe behaviours associated with E-mobility devices, including



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E-bikes, personal mobility devices (PMDs) or e-scooters, and electric motorbikes. In the past few years, the popularity of these E-mobility devices has grown and police have been actively engaging with the community to promote safe practices, educate users on compliance requirements, and enforce road rules. It is anticipated that with the school holidays fast approaching, there will be an increase in children riding PMDs and E-Bikes. This increased usage among vulnerable road users (including younger people) will significantly increase the risk of road trauma, namely:

E-mobility devices are not toys. They are vehicles that are subject to Queensland road safety laws.

E-bikes that can exceed a speed of 6km/h under motor power alone (without pedalling) are not a legal E-mobility device. These are considered non-compliant E-motorcycles and cannot be ridden in public.

It's essential parents and carers consider the legalities of e-scooters, as Queensland law states they cannot be operated by a person under 16 years-of-age without adult supervision, while those under 12 years of age are not legally allowed to operate them at all. Elsewhere in this newsletter you can find more detailed information about e-scooters and bikes.

Staff Departures

Next week we will farewell a number of staff from our Secondary team:

Mrs Coral Clarke heads off to Bendigo for another exciting chapter in her life as she moves closer to family and our new granddaughter. Coral's loving care for her students and her creative lessons and functions in the Food and Textiles area will be missed. It was lovely to see her Yr 10 girls Care class today show their appreciation with a surprise birthday party.



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Mr Enzo Smith has a new job in Brisbane where he will also move to be closer to extended family. Mr Smith has been an exceptional Head of Department and his passion for developing quality Christian education. We wish him and wife Dom, and baby Alorah every blessing in their new adventures together. The Yr 10 boys also organised a rousing send off with worship, prayer and celebration in Christian Living class today.

Mrs Susan McCosker. It's been such a blessing having Susan on staff these past years. Susan is an ACC graduate who I had the privilege of teaching when I first worked here in the 1990's. She has been a faithful and dedicated teacher in the Humanities and English department, and her willingness to step up when needed has been appreciated. I wish her all the very best in her future endeavours.

Mrs Jane McNabb is retiring after nearly 30 years of supporting teachers and enriching our classrooms. Her kindness, wisdom, and steady presence have made our learning spaces brighter and richer, and we can all agree she has been an incredible blessing to our school community.

Mr Jonathon Waite also departs our Learning Support team, heading to Canberra with ADF transfer. Jonathon's versatility and his calm presence in our classrooms has been much appreciated.

Your continued prayers as we search for suitable candidates to replace these valued staff in 2026 is appreciated.

Mr Mal Schneider
Deputy Principal Secondary

Primary Awards Ceremony



Secondary Awards Night





YEAR 12 GRADUATION





Much laughter and chaos ensued when the Prep students entered their Prep classrooms last Wednesday. Why you might ask? It was wacky Wednesday of course! Mrs McConnell was asleep on the floor, the numbers and letters on the walls were mixed, pictures were upside down, Mrs Whittle was wearing pyjamas and so much more. Everything was wacky! There were almost 30 wacky things in each classroom to find and the students had great fun discovering more and more wacky things. Here Mr. Frew is demonstrating the wacky way to wear a hat. We're glad every day isn't wacky!

Mrs Knight

SILVER TRAIL

We are happy to announce the winner of the most valuable Silver Trail for 2025. There were so many coins to count, and they weighed so much that it has taken us a little while to get all the totals:

Totals for each house:

Chapman \$ 407.38 Newton \$ 339.86
Carmichael \$ 391.82 Wycliffe \$ 272.98

The total amount raised overall: \$1412.04! This is well above the totals raised over the years since COVID!



RECYCLING COMPETITION

The Big Sort By Alexander. V. C1

In Week 7 we had a HOUSE RECYCLING BATTLE COMPETITION.

During the week students from different houses across the Primary School brought in 10c containers which the Grade 3's had to sort.

First, we had to sort bottles, poppers, glass bottles and even some rubbish. Then we had to count them and graph our results. On one day we had to carry all the sacks of 10c containers and make piles. We kept sorting and sorting and counting and counting. We counted over 6000 containers. I liked recycling because we got to help the community. We raised \$798 for Stable.



With the left over money from C2's recycling, for the rest of the year we are going to give the money to TEAR to other countries where they need chickens, goats, water and school books. I felt happy that we can give people things they need that they don't have that we do. Hopefully, we can make their life easier. So that's why we had the House Competition and why we had to have the BIG SORT! I wanted Wycliffe to win and I want to do it again.



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!



GOOD TO GREAT TUTORING PROGRAM

**IMPROVING
CONFIDENCE,
MOTIVATION
AND GRADES**

After just one term of tutoring through the School Program, my son has jumped two full grades – from a D to a B!!!

Pat - Parent at Benowa State High School

Designed to help year 7-12 students achieve A's and B's in Math & English

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REACHED THEIR
GOALS

87%

OF OUR STUDENTS
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GRADES YEES

15 Years

TRANSFORMING
STUDENTS GRADES



Kids holiday club

ROCK STAR

FREE!

DISCOVER HOW TO HAVE
LIFE—AND LIFE TO THE FULL!

DATE: TUESDAY 13TH TO THURSDAY 15TH JAN 2026
TIME: 9:00AM - 12:00PM (REGO OPENS 8:30AM)
WHAT: BIBLE STORIES, GAMES, CRAFT & DRAMA
AGES: PREP - GRADE 6
WHERE: WILLOWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH 26 CARTHEW ST
COST: FREE!
REGISTER: WWW.WILLOWS.ORG.AU/EVENTS
CONTACT CHURCH ON 4723 1232 OR CHURCH@WILLOWS.ORG.AU



**COME + CELEBRATE
CHRISTMAS AT
STABLE AT CLUDEN**

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

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
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	Christmas Market
Friday, 5 December	Last Day of Term 4