



Principal's Message



Abraham Lincoln once said 'I remember my mother's prayers they have clung to me all my life'.

Mothers' Day is all about honoring our wonderful mothers and caregivers and acknowledging the important job they do. I don't use the word 'job' flippantly as it has been calculated that the everyday work a mother does equates to a staggering \$115 000 in wages each year. However, the love, cuddles and support our mothers and caregivers provide our children are in fact priceless.

The importance of family and honouring our mothers and fathers is very clear in the Bible. In Exodus 20:12 it is stated "Honour your father and your mother, that your days may be prolonged in the land which the LORD your God gives you". [Colossians 3:20](#) also mentions the importance of children being obedient to their parents. This is why the College decided to honour our wonderful mothers through a morning tea last week. It was fantastic to see so many parents and caregivers join us and be part of a community event.

We also had record breaking attendance this Semester at our Parent/Teacher interviews last week. If you were unable to attend a scheduled timeslot on the evening please ensure you make time to catch up with your child/ren's classroom teachers. Research has shown that when schools and families work together, children do better, stay in school longer, are more engaged with their school work, go to school more regularly, behave better, and have better social skills. At Burdekin Christian College we pride ourselves in the fact we work in partnership with our parents and caregivers to maximize student outcomes.

Things parents can do to assist their child at school include:

- Build school/parent relationships
- Practice discipline and self-respect in the home environment
- Read Read Read with your child!
- Praise and encourage your child
- Make sure your child is on time to school
- Follow up homework responsibilities.

We look forward to continuing our positive relationships with parents throughout the Semester and thank you for allowing the College to be such an important part of your lives.

Debra Creed
College Principal

YEAR 11 ACADEMIC NEWS: The New Senior Schooling System

Senior schooling in Queensland has changed, to help give students the skills for success in work, life and in the future. These changes affect our current Year 11 students and all future senior students (not our current Year 12's who remain on the old system). Below are a few of the main changes:

- * The OP system we currently have for students to apply for university will be changed. The ATAR (Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank) which is common across Australia will replace it.
- * The QCS (Queensland Core Skills) test that Year 12 students currently do, will not happen.
- * Students will sit external exams for some subjects at the end of Year 12. These will either be 25% or 50% of their final mark. There will still be internal school run assessment in Year 11 and 12.

YEAR 12 UPDATE: QCST

Our Year 12 students undertook their first "Queensland Core Skills" practice test this week. With great persistence and focused effort they spent over 7 hrs testing their knowledge and skills in anticipation of improving their Field Positions and Overall Positions for University placement. Their marks will serve as a bench mark for future testing and allow teachers to target specific areas that the students have found challenging. It also showcases their strengths and provides them with some much needed motivation for their future studies. Link:

https://www.qcaa.qld.edu.au/downloads/senior/qcs_test_parents_guide.pdf

Sports Update

On May 3 the Primary District Cross Country was held. It was great to see our students participate with such positive attitudes. The children represented our school well, did their best and never gave up. The Senior School will participate in the Secondary District Cross Country on May 22.

On Monday this week Athletics Training commenced. Any students who would like to come along at 8am on Monday and Wednesday morning next week are most welcome. This is a great opportunity to improve your fitness levels and work on the techniques necessary for a great Athletics Carnival.

Burdekin Christian College Athletics Carnival will be held on Friday May 24 at the Ayr SHS Oval. It will be a great day and we look forward to seeing as many parents, carers and grandparents there as possible to cheer on the students.



Rugby Union NQ Trials

The Townsville/Thuringowa District Rugby Union Trials for 11–12 Years are being held on Thursday 30th May.

If you are interested in trying out, please see Miss Orchard for a Nomination Form. Forms must be returned no later than Friday 24 May.



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Jayne Orchard
Primary HPE Teacher

Drama Festival

We were incredibly proud of our talented students who performed in the Burdekin Drama Festival. This is the first time our school has participated in this event and the poise, confidence and exceptional acting skills of our students were amazing. The 'behind the scenes' team who helped with props, lighting and sound were also incredibly professional and produced a slick stage presence for the team. They performed "An Absolutely True Story" (as told by a Bunch of Lying Liars) that demonstrates there are many perspectives when it comes to sharing a story. Our school congratulates all the schools involved in the festival for their contributions as it takes enormous courage for students to stand on stage and perform in front of their peers and strangers. Special acknowledgement goes to Emily Holmes, Zach Sutcliffe and Kyle Walsh who won awards for Best Actor, Best Support Actor and Director's Award.



Parent Teacher Interviews

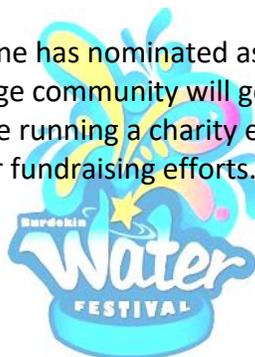
Thank you to all the parents who attended our parent/teacher interviews last week. The attendance was one of the best yet and demonstrated how wonderful our parents are with their willingness to work in partnership with the school. Remember parents are welcome to contact teachers on a regular basis if they have concerns about their child's progress, they do not have to wait for formal interviews. If you missed our interview evening please contact the office to schedule a catch-up with your child/ren's teachers at another time.

NAPLAN

This week the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) was sat for students in Years 3, 5, 7 and 9. It has been an everyday part of the school calendar since 2008. NAPLAN tests skills such as reading, writing, spelling and numeracy. The assessments are undertaken nationwide, every year, in the second full week in May. Although they provide data on a student's progress these tests only reflect the students' skills at one point in time and do not take account of the continual assessment cycle within the College that includes formative and summative assessment pieces.

Water Festival Junior Ambassador Nominations

We are proud to announce Amisa Lamichhane has nominated as the BCC Junior Ambassador for the Water Festival this year. I am sure the entire College community will get behind Amisa and her participation in this importance community event. Amina will be running a charity event later in the year and we hope all members of our community will support her fundraising efforts.



Leadership Induction Ceremony

Our new student leaders for 2019 were formally blessed last week when they took part in a whole school commitment ceremony. We wish them well as they take up their important responsibilities and act as positive role models for the entire school. Our leaders for 2019 are:

School Captains: Brittany de Jong, Ethan Cornelius

Sports Captain: Braedan Nemec

Senior House Captains: Jesiah McIvor, Jesse Pacey, Kaitlyn Warren, Tayson Cody

Junior School Captains: Jessica Holmes, Amisa Lamichhane

Junior School Sports Captains: Lilly Webber, Estelle Wieczorek

Junior School Sports Vice Captains: Lani Taiters, Amber Webb



Mother's Day High Tea

Thank you to all the parents who attended the Mothers' Day High Tea last week. It was wonderful to have such a good roll up of parents. As well as a delicious afternoon tea, parents were treated to performances by Year 5 and our own Ms Greer, a lucky door prize courtesy of the marvellous Rockmans and flowers from the Prep to Year 2 students. Our special thanks goes to Ms Goon Chew, Ms Smart and Ms Sutcliffe for preparing the beautiful room and magnificent spread of food.



Senior School Disco

Stetsons, boots and checked shirts were everywhere last Wednesday night as the Senior School students got into the theme 'Country and Western' at our Disco. Students danced the night away and joined into an array of fun games. We must congratulate Tayson Cody on his win of 'Best Dancer' as he inspired all our students to get up on the floor and dance! Our thanks goes to Ms Jill Sutcliffe who spent many hours decorating cactus and Wanted posters to bring the hall to life as a real country and western 'hang out' and Braedan Nemec and Brittany de Jong who organised the fun activities for the evening.



Uniform Update

Students are reminded that formal hats should not be worn with the sports uniform. We are also providing a period of grace for students to phase out coloured jumpers but by Term 3 we expect all Senior School students to wear jumpers/blazers that are navy blue in colour. Students are expected to keep hair looking natural, clean and well-groomed. The following parameters are set for hair within the College Uniform Policy:

- To be tied back if touching the collar.
- Fringe not touching the eye brow.
- If dyed, must remain one colour that is within the natural occurring range of hair colours.
- No extreme or exaggerated hairstyling such as tracks, undercuts, combination of shaved and long hair.
- Boys faces clean-shaven.



MOTHERS DAY CELEBRATIONS

On Friday May 10, our beautiful mothers and grandmothers were invited to attend a special celebration at the ELC. They interacted with their littlies as they participated in a number of fun activities which involved making a necklace, pampering mum by painting her fingernails, reading a story book with their child and decorating a cupcake.

Thanks to Mrs Venter who donated the cupcakes, the icing and decorations. The children entertained their guests with a few songs, 'Skidamarink', 'Going on a Bear Hunt', 'Tabu Naba' and 'Baby Shark'. A very big thank to our wonderful staff at the ELC for making this event very enjoyable.



STORYPARK

Did you know that we now have Storypark! Story park is a new way that we communicate with parents about what is happening with their children day by day. They get so excited to hear about what their child has done for the day. Storypark is designed to help educators and families record children's milestones and experiences. It's an online app our families can access 24/7 to keep in touch with their children's learning.

Find our more @<https://www.storypark.com/au/families>



Year 2: have been learning about Poetry for their English Unit this term and this week they completed a Concrete Poem. Concrete poetry requires the visual appearance to match the topic of the poem. Students were required to write poetry in the shape of different candies as we are currently reading *Charlie and The Chocolate Factory* as a class. The results were fantastic!

Danae Fitzgerald (*Teacher*)



Year 6: Each week, the year six students have been investigating whether materials are reversible or irreversible. During the investigations they have been learning scientific skills such as predicting, fair testing, safety, discussing and evaluating. Last week, Ezekiel, Siddharth, Leilani and Estelle investigated the solubility of substances in different liquids.

Fleur Vigerzi (*Teacher*)



CHEMISTRY AT BURDEKIN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

YEAR 12 CHEMISTRY

Year 12 Chemistry is really bubbling away. Students have been researching the processes in which metals go from an ore to the purified metal.

We have been looking at the chemistry behind electrolysis and galvanic cells. This term, we are looking at corrosion.

Students have been looking at how corrosion occurs at a molecular level and how this effects the structural properties of the metal and what this means to structures.

Students are currently designing an experiment looking at how different solutions can affect the rate at which metals can corrode.



This is the first year of ATAR in Queensland and for Burdekin Christian College
This semester Year 11 Chemistry students are looking at matter and energy in chemical reactions as they consider the breaking and reforming of bonds as new substances are produced.
Later this term, students will be investigating the Law of Conservation of Mass using magnesium.

YEAR 11 CHEMISTRY

This year Burdekin Christian College has introduced ATAR and QCE Chemistry.

Joel Keenan
(*Teacher*)

Burdekin Junior Eisteddfod – 18 – 28 May

The 36th Burdekin Junior Eisteddfod starts this Saturday and runs through until Tuesday 28 May. Many Burdekin Christian College students in both the primary and secondary schools have entered art, literature and photography, which will be on display in the foyer area of the Theatre during the Eisteddfod. They will be on display from this Friday 17 May.

All primary students are performing in choirs and class choric speaking and are all eagerly anticipating being on stage. BCC is proud to have individual and duet primary student entries in the speech and drama section being mentored by Mrs Heather Mackay. Senior secondary music students and other talented secondary students form the BCC secondary choir and senior vocal ensemble.

All parents, grandparents, guardians and carers are welcome to attend the Burdekin Junior Festival to support our students. Tickets will be available at the Theatre Foyer. A letter and excursion note were sent home to all primary parents and participating secondary students early this week. Please make sure that excursion notes are returned promptly to the office.

FILM, TELEVISION AND NEW MEDIA

ADVERTISING FILM

The Year 12 Film, Television and New Media students are heavily engaged in the pre-production of their propaganda film. They begin filming next week after generating some very creative treatments, scripts and storyboards. Student will explore all facets of production ranging from risk assessment, planning schedules, location permissions and release forms, to camera shots and lighting. There will also be a heavy emphasis on post production skills such as editing, special effects, sound and distribution. It is hoped that their

advertisements will be available to be viewed on the school Facebook site and web site at the end of term.



AERONAUTICS CLUB

DRONE SCHOOL

The Aeronautics/Drone club has been an exciting club to run. Students are currently adding to their 100hrs flight time on the training drones in order to earn their “Drone Pilot License”. The club explores principles of flight, safety and technological advancements in aeronautical engineering.

Over the coming weeks students will be conducting experiments exploring Benouli's Principle as well as reviewing zoning regulations and permissions for flying drones. We look forward to seeing footage from the "Go-pro" drone as students begin their training, filming events at the upcoming athletics carnival.



MARINE SCIENCE AT BURDEKIN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE

Excursion to AIMS

On Friday the May 2, the year 11 and 12 Marine Science students travelled to the Australian Institute of Marine Science (AIMS) to partake in a tour of the facilities and attend an information session on current research being done at the institute.



Two PhD students gave the students a talk and presentation on the history and current projects of AIMS. Students were then taken down to the largest simulated ocean in the world! Governments from around the world send their scientists to this

particular facility to conduct experiments. It is known as 'NASA of the sea'.



Their research aims to gather information and data to help to keep the Great Barrier Reef healthy and resilient. This includes setting up simulations to see how the reef will handle more carbon dioxide dissolved into the water as well as warmer water.

Students were then given a walking tour and talk by a top climatologist who has worked all around the world. The Dr (PhD) explained to the students how she can find evidence of weather events from coring into coral deposits and showed us the

markers in the coral from the 2011 floods.

At the completion of the tour, the teachers were advised that if any students would like to do work experience at AIMS, they are more than welcome to do so. It can be set up via email.

Overall it was a wonderful experience and hopefully inspired the students to see where their studies can lead.



Eloise Michael
(Teacher)

CHAPLAIN'S CORNER†

Pastor Peter Holmes and I run the primary school Chapel, which now has a one-hour time slot. It's been a great joy to impart Biblical knowledge and Christian living principles to our enthusiastic audience. It is great to see our children growing in their knowledge and application of the things of God.

Senior Chapel has also commenced and I am looking forward to hearing from our talented musicians and singers in the weeks to come.

Take care & God bless.

Pastor Gerry MacManus
School Chaplain



Thanks to all the enthusiastic and budding young gardeners who have been propagating different types of plants. We have planted succulents in coffee cups, which the students were allowed to take home, so hopefully some parents were happy recipients of their child's labour.

We have also planted out seedling flowering ginger in pots which we plan to plant in the school gardens (Hint: Miss Creed loves flowering gingers, so if you have any planting material at home,

Missions Trip to Fiji

Later in the year the Year 11 and 12 students will be going on a missions trip to Fiji. There is much to prepare with this overseas adventure, which should be both exciting and rewarding for us all. To this end I have started collecting recyclable bottles and poppers. If you could please help out with this, I'd be really happy. I have already collected a few hundred samples.



please feel free to pass on some cuttings and/or plants that we can propagate).

The ELC have been blessed with colourful foliage and flowering plants that we have put in large pots to beautify the ELC. Later this term, as the temperature cools we will be starting up our vegetable garden.

Pastor Gerry MacManus
Gardening Club Coordinator

Library News

Our Scholastic Book Fair is happening next week!

Book Fair is a reading event that brings the books kids want to read right into our school.

There's a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level. Please make plans to visit our Book Fair and be involved in shaping your child's reading habits.

Book Fair dates: Mon 20 May – Thu 23 May

Shopping hours: Mon – Thu mornings 8 – 8:30am, and Mon, Wed & Thu afternoons 3 – 3:30pm and Tue 3 – 5pm.

After school on Tuesday 21 May, our students will have a food stall set up. Please come and support our students in this fundraiser.

We look forward to seeing you and your family at our Book Fair! Remember, all purchases provide great benefits for our school.

Laurie's Love Visit

My name is Laurence Pavone and I am a 42 year old husband to Julie and a proud dad of 3. I have been dealing with brain cancer since 2005, just 6 weeks before the birth of my first child. After 6 weeks of intense treatment of radiotherapy and chemotherapy, I resumed my life with my new little family and life was sweet. Annual check ups proved successful as there has been no recurrence for the last 13 years. A routine MRI in August 2018 gave us the thumbs up and I was cleared once again.

Then... in December 2018, just months after my scan, I was diagnosed with an aggressive brain tumour which had returned unexpectedly. As you could imagine, my family's

world was turned upside down in an instant.

My new mission ... to find a cure. If not for me, then hopefully for someone else who ever hears this news. Together we can spread love, support one another and deliver valuable awareness about this disease. The fact is, brain cancer kills more children than any other disease and takes more lives under 40 than any other cancer, and yet so many people are not aware of this.

These are alarming statistics that one day we hope to see changed. My goal is to raise much needed funds to support brain cancer research. 100% of the money raised will be

donated to a cancer research institution so they can rid the pain and suffering of those touched by it. Please help me be a part of finding the cure.

Thank you for your support, and remember, L♥VE is the Infinite Cure.



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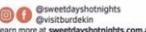
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