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With the National Day of Action against Bullying and Violence approaching this Friday, 18 March, it is timely to revisit why it so important to make a stand against bullying. Bullying is an ongoing and deliberate misuse of power through repeated verbal, physical or social behaviour that inflicts physical, social or psychological harm. Types of bullying have expanded sadly in today's technological world with cyber bullying playing a big role in making our young people feel unvalued and unsafe. Although our College prides itself on its safe and supportive environment, bullying can happen anywhere, so we all need to be aware of what to do if it occurs. Bullying MUST be stopped.

The Bible is very clear on the topic of bullying. **Ephesians 4:29** says "Let no corrupt talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear." Remember verbal comments can be just as painful as physical inflictions, especially as many young people suffer from mental health or self-image issues in today's society. For those tempted to bullying others remember the "Golden Rule" - "Do unto others as you would have them do unto you". The actual quote from the Bible is from Luke 6:31, "And as ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise" and put simply, treats others the way we want them to treat us.

DATE CLAIMERS

17 Mar - Breakfast with the **Tradies**

18 Mar - Orange Day

National Day Against Bullying

18 Mar - Year 5/6 Interschool **Sports**

25 Mar - Year 12 CQ University **Experience**

25 Mar - Year 5/6 Interschool **Sports**

21 Apr - Annual Cross Country

6 May - Primary Interschool **Cross Country**

18 May - High School **Interschool Cross Country**

Anyone can be bullied. Believe it or not, martial arts star Jackie Chan endured years of torment growing up at the Peking Opera School. Interestingly, his life changed when he stood up for another student as he explained, "I allowed myself to be bullied because I was scared and didn't know how to defend myself. I was bullied until I prevented a new student from being bullied. By standing up for him, I learned to stand up for myself." So remember to stand up against bullying, report it, not stand by. There are some very helpful fact sheets on the "Bullying. No Way!" website at: https://bullyingnoway.gov.au/resources/fact-sheets in multiple languages for parents wanting to educate their child/ren on bullying.

We hope to see our students in a sea of orange on Friday as we stand together against bullying and violence. In fact on Friday, 'BCC' will stand for 'Bullying Ceases Completely'! Keep smiling and remember that kindness is contagious!

God Bless

Debra Creed College Principal



DEPUTY'S DESK Primary

Lisa Crowther

Deputy Principal - Primary Year 6 Teacher

We can hardly believe it is past the halfway mark in the term. What a wonderful mid-term we have had with Pancake and Pyjama Day and Wet Play at lunchtimes! The children had such a fantastic time and we hope you have enjoyed seeing their happy faces on our social media page.

Interschool Sports

This week the Year 5/6 students will be participating in Basketball and AFL against other schools in the region. We wish them all the best and hope they have a fantastic time!

Smart Watches

We have noticed a number of smart watches coming into school of late. If these watches are able to take photos or watch videos on them we ask that they be signed into the office at the beginning of the day and they can then be collected at the end of the day. This is in line with our mobile phone policy. We will be asking students to take off their watch and leave it in the office if they are found to have one on during the day.

School Jumpers

Despite the heatwave, there has been a number of children wearing jumpers to school. Please ensure your child is dressed in a school jumper only. We now have all sizes available at the office if you need to purchase one.

Year 6 Senior Shirts

As you are aware, the Year 6 class each year has a special 'seniors' shirt which they wear throughout the year to celebrate their final year of



primary schooling. Year 6 parents, if you would like your child to have a shirt, please fill in the order form sent home last week and return it to the school along with your payment by Monday 14th March.

Clean Up Australia Day

On Monday 7 March, the Year 6 Primary Leaders cleaned up the area along Adelaide Street. They picked up a lot of rubbish and suggested we venture further and clean up other places in our community such as Plantation and Anzac Parks. We are very proud of their respect for the environment and desire to help improve our community.





DEPUTY'S DESK

Another excellent and busy few weeks here at Burdekin Christian College. It was amazing to see so many of our young people stepping up for leadership positions. We had a fantastic celebration in our Leadership Induction Ceremony, and I was blessed to be able to speak on such a vibrant and wonderful topic. BCC is excited to see what our 2022 Senior Leaders are able to achieve. They have already shown commitment to their fellow students and are up to the task of representing both the school, but the students they represent.

Laptops

We are still waiting on a number of insurance fees to be paid. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the office at your earliest convenience. We have payment plans that can go as low as \$2.50 a week if required.

NAPLAN Online

NAPLAN is fast approaching, and the school is preparing for our first time doing NAPLAN Online. If you have any questions or concerns with your child participating, please feel free to contact me here at BCC.

Uniforms

Unfortunately, we have seen a rise in uniform infringements, especially around socks. If students are wearing the Sports Uniform, they must be wearing white socks.

The school will be following up uniform infringements, and we will be contacting home in regards to these breaches.

Senior School Camp

Our Senior School Camp (10-12) is creeping up and we are working hard in the background to organise this special event. We will be heading down South to enjoy the Snow Fields and the many wonderful sites of our Capital City, Canberra. Students will need legal identification in order for us to book flights with their legal names. This can include, Proof of Age Cards, Learner's Permits and Drivers Licences. If you need any more information, please contact the office.

Joel Keenan Deputy Principal - Senior School

DEPUTY'S DESK Curriculum & Compliance



Critical thinking is one of the most valuable skills students can develop during their primary and secondary school years. Think about it: when all your friends are excited about something on social media, do you comment without thinking and jump on the bandwagon when something is trending? What about fake news, advertising and propaganda? Do you know when someone is trying to persuade or even trick you? Asking critical questions and taking responsibility for educating oneself on issues that are important or prevalent in society are a hallmark for students to develop into mature and high-functioning young adults that will be more successful, levelheaded and savvy, than people who do not think for themselves.

Students can become better at thinking critically by using this question pattern:

- 1. Start with a 'what?' to define an issue with clarity and logic.
- 2. Break down the topic with 'why?'. Abstract ideas become relevant to students when they understand the connection to their daily lives.
- 3. Solve with a 'how?' to uncover specific, concrete answers.

When preparing for examinations, critical thinking pushes students to truly understand the information and be able to explain it in their own words rather than simply memorising content to repeat back. The process of critical thinking is more



likely to aid students in retaining information, as well as showing them how to apply the principal of critical thinking to real life situations.

https://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/f-10-curriculum/general-capabilities/critical-and-creative-thinking/

Karen Wilson

Deputy Principal - Curriculum and Compliance

DEAN'S CORNER VET & Careers

James Pacey
Dean of VET & Careers

James Cook University has released its 2022 calendar of events with some exciting dates to note:

(March 29-31) TeacherX - Townsville Campus & Orpheus Research Station

Science and Engineering Challenge - Townsville

(June 2-5) InfoX - Townsville

(July 12-13) UniX - Townsville – Senior (Yrs 10, 11 & 12)

• (August 1) Townsville Careers Expo

• (August 27) Optiminds - Townsville

• (November 21-25) UniX Year 8 - Townsville

TAFE Queensland has also offered an opportunity next term for our Year 10 students to experience different Trade Courses offered at Pimlico TAFE in Townsville. Starting on the 3 May students will travel to Townsville and gain their White Card's for entry into the Construction Industry while also experiencing three different trades ranging from Automotive, Engineering, Construction, Plumbing, Furnishing and Civil. This amazing "Trade Taster" program will run for 7 weeks and allow our Year 10's to gain valuable insight into future career paths as well as trade course selections for their senior years.



Running is a great opportunity for students to get active and participate in community events. Running teaches us a lot about what we can achieve, how hard we can push and what we are prepared to do. You certainly learn a lot about yourself!

BCC Race Pace will aim to teach children how to pace themselves during running events with a focus on technique and endurance to

help develop their running ability. There are a number of upcoming running events for student's participation. These include:

- 20 April BCC Cross Country
- 6 May Primary District Cross Country
- 15 May Burdekin Sugar Rush
- 17 May Secondary District Cross Country
- 22 July BCC Athletics Day
- 8 August Secondary District 1500m
- 12 August Primary District Athletics



To prepare students for their events, we will be holding running training from 3:15pm to 4:00pm on Thursdays on the following dates: Term 1 and 2: 31st March, 21st April, 5th May, 12th May; Term 3: 14th July, 21st July, 28th July, 4th August, 11th August.

Students may change into running gear after school and are to bring a hat, water bottle and sunscreen with them. Parents will need to arrange pick up of students at 4pm from the College. We welcome and encourage the attendance of College parents at training sessions. BCC Race Pace will be led by qualified Triathlon Coach, Jason Crowther. Further information including permission forms will be sent out soon. We look forward to joining you on your running journey!

Food Drop Offs

Families are reminded that any deliveries of food for snacks or lunch **MUST** be via the Office. We are always happy to distribute the food once it is dropped off at the College. No food or drinks should be handed over the fence to students. This is a nonnegotiable protocol for safety reasons to protect our students. Office staff need to sight any person distributing anything to students on our grounds.

We thank you in advance for following our College protocols.

Social Media Students are reminded that any social media involvement outside approved College activities should not take place in College uniform. Only approved College activities may be performed in College uniform. Please ensure you are not in school uniform when undertaking activities

such as private dances on Tik Tok. Parents and carers are also reminded to monitor use of social media by their child/ren to ensure their child/ren's online safety.



PJs & Pancakes Morning

What a delicious way to start the morning! We had a big turnout for our PJs and Pancakes morning and the pancakes disappeared at an amazing rate. Special thanks goes to Mrs Crowther, Pastor Gerry and Mrs Sutcliffe for their cooking skills. Our Junior School SRC raised over \$200 for our new Primary playground - well done and thanks to our fabulous community for getting into the spirit of the morning.

















The College stopped at 2.00 pm on Friday 4 March to observe the World Day of Prayer. We prayed for those in need due to war, disease, poverty and flooding. Thank you to Mrs Sutcliffe and Mrs Lando for making Prayer Cards with "The Lord's Prayer" for each of our students at the College. Students were also able to select an affirmation or psalm to take with them and contemplate. God Bless and please keep praying for those in desperate need.



STUDENT LEADERS INDUCTION CEREMONY

Congratulations to our new student body representatives who were officially instated last week at the College Student Leader Induction Ceremony.

It was truly a celebration of excellence as these outstanding young men and women were acknowledged as our leaders for 2022. Both our Junior School and Senior School leaders and Student Representative Councils were honoured. We also must congratulate our entire student audience who showed respect and beautiful manners throughout the ceremony. We can't wait to see what 2022 brings with these amazing young people at the helm!











Elli Pirrone

Early Learning Centre Director



Pancakes and Pyjama's at the Early Learning Centre

Our littlies joined in with 'Pancakes and Pyjama's on Tuesday 1 March.

We all looked super cute in our bedtime best! Miss Emma whipped up some pancakes for morning tea and we enjoyed them with an indoor picnic.









It has been wonderful to see Year One eager to try all learning activities this term. We have just finished our first Maths Unit on Number and Place Value and children have worked hard at learning different ways to count large numbers. They have made a great display of counting in tens.



In our Science topic; Sound and Light, we have all enjoyed playing a listening identification game. We have also been discovering different sources of light and learning record our findings.

In English, we are beginning to become quite accomplished Recount writers. We are now adding 'Wow' words or adjectives to our writing to make it super interesting to our readers. At the end of busy week of learning, we look forward to some 'Golden Time'. Enjoying choosing between lego, playdough, drawing, books and more!



Anne Cunningham

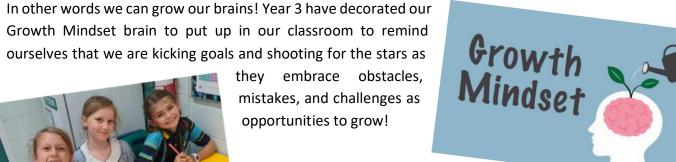
Year 1 Teacher



Year 3 have been working hard in all the concepts we have been covering this term. We are learning all about space, Australia and its neighbours, hardware and software, narrative writing and of course math.

While our concepts become more detailed and a little bit harder, as we delve into the nitty gritty to get ready for our assessments, we remind ourselves of the importance of positive thinking. Never fear 'Growth Mindset' is here! What is a growth mindset do you ask?

"A Growth Mindset is to believe that talents and abilities can be developed through hard work, good strategies, and input from others!"







The Equestrian Studies students have been enthusiastically rolling up their sleeves and getting their hands dirty learning all about the wonderful, yet not always glamourous side of equine health and management.

The term started with very important safety education in horse handling and training,

before the students teamed up with their four legged friends Charlie, Ernie, Cookie and Ted, to learn the ins and outs of anatomy, body condition scoring, and health and stable management. The students have been gaining experience and confidence in horsemanship and groundwork in preparation for their riding lessons to begin at the end of term with our qualified instructor Samantha Gilchrist.

Last week we were lucky enough to learn about the science, anatomy and fundamentals of equine hoof care during a farrier demonstration of hot shoeing with guest educator Evan Parker. The students will also have a very exciting opportunity to sit in on watching the scanning of a mare for breeding next term.

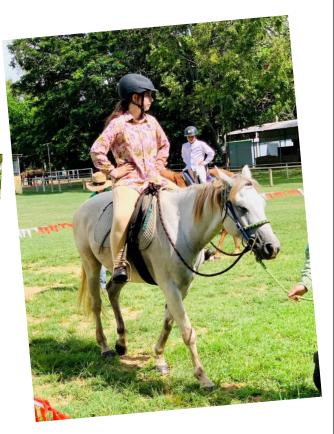
We are all very blessed to have such enriching study opportunities, and I am so proud of the student's enthusiasm and passion toward this program.

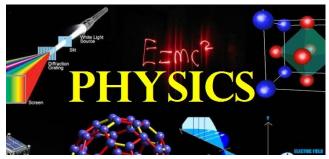








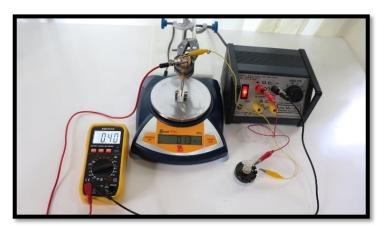


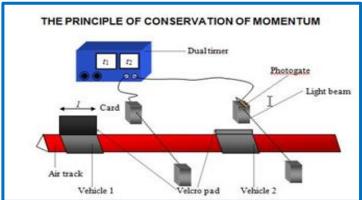


This year, the Year 11 students will study what are called foundation subjects. However, most are self-contained and interesting in their own right, such as nuclear reactions, electric circuits and linear motion. There are many applications for these studies and physics graduates are rightly regarded as very employable.

A major aspect of physics is the ability to make measurements and to communicate the results in a useful manner for others to use. Experimental techniques and laboratory practical work are important components in the course. The students will be expected to use modern digital technology for data gathering and information processing which will be very exciting for them. Next year, in Year 12, the students will study the most interesting (and amazing) topics such as Einstein's Special Relativity, Quantum Physics and the "Standard Model" that describes all matter at the atomic and sub atomic levels.

I hope the students will enjoy not only the specific components of the course but also the discussions and broader aspects of Physics wherever our lessons lead. Physics lays the foundation for many types of engineering and mechanical work but may also open the doors for a career in aspects of science such as Astronomy or Medical Physics. Good luck to our new students.





Peter Cunningham

Secondary Teacher

2022 Next Step survey

The Queensland Government is conducting its annual state-wide survey of all students who completed Year 12 in 2021. The *Next Step* survey is a brief, confidential survey that gains a comprehensive picture of the employment, study and life choices made by Queensland school completers in the year after they finish Year 12. Between March and June, all our students who completed Year 12 last year can expect to receive instructions to complete a web-based survey or a telephone call from the Queensland Government Statistician's Office. Please encourage them to take part. If their contact details have changed, please assist the interviewer with their updated details or forward the survey to their new address so they can participate.

Thank you for your support of the *Next Step* survey in 2022.

Further information on *Next Step*, including results from previous years, is available online at www.qld.gov.au/nextstep or on toll free telephone 1800 068 587.



The Year 7 Tech and Design class have been busy investigating the design process to carefully plan and eventually build an innovative 3D Clock for a client of their choice.

They have been provided an opportunity to investigate existing concepts and ideas to aid their own creative talents. Students have leant new skills

such as sketching in isometric and orthographic projections as well as learning about workshop safety and

production processes.



Students' designs must be must be made out of at least two materials, be safe to use, look aesthetically pleasing, and be economical to make. I am really looking forward to working with the students in the realisation of their ideas.



Darren Meinicke Secondary Teacher



Year 10 have just completed an intensive study of plant physiology involving the use of fantastic and highly interactive, and engaging digital learning platforms (Stile & EP).

They applied their knowledge to research and designed a dry plant terrarium to commercial standards. They have been highly successful as their final unique terrariums could sell in any retail plant nursery.



The students are looking forward to their next unit, which involves delving into the world of hydroponics and aquaculture to establish integrated hydroponic planters with LED grow light. This unit aims to help students improve their overall attitude and commitment towards sustainability and caring for the environment through the use of aquaponics and hydroponics to help solve real-world problems.







Lawrence Zanella
Science Teacher



On Monday 7 March, the primary school students, Years 2 through to 6, enjoyed a coaching session run by Lachlan from Cricket Queensland. They practiced catching, throwing and running between wickets, which are the fundamental skills needed for cricket. They are looking forward to a follow up session in weeks 8 and 9.

With the recent heatwave conditions, the students have been taking PE lessons inside the hall in air-conditioned comfort. The students played games that tested their agility, speed and team spirit, while having fun.

Our annual swimming carnival will be held on Friday 1 April, the last day of the term. The Twilight Swimming Carnival (High School Interschool Event) has been cancelled this year, due to Covid and schools not being able to hold their own events. The Webber Shield (primary school event) will be held in November.

The revised calendar for Northern Trials is as follows:

Monday 14 th March	Football 13-15yrs, 16-18yrs (girls)	TSVL Football, Murray
	Rugby League 14-15yrs, 16- 18yrs (girls)	Brothers Rugby League
Tuesday 15 th March	Basketball 16-18yrs (boys & girls)	TSVL Basketball
	Rugby Union 17-18yrs	Rugby Park, Hugh St
	Touch 13-15yrs, 16-18yrs (boys	Queens Park Touch
	& girls)	
	AFL 13-15yrs (boys)	Riverway, Thuringowa
Wednesday 16 th	Rugby League 14-15yrs, 16-	Brothers Rugby League
March	18yrs (boys)	



Well this term has started with a bang. There has definitely been no easing into it. As you are all aware, sourcing fresh produce is still proving difficult. My helpers and I are doing what we can and are appreciative of all your support.

Students may be noticing minor changes in their orders such as baby spinach on wraps when lettuce isn't available.

Pop up tuck shop is getting busier each week. I encourage all students to have their orders in before school. We sold out of

both sausages in pastry and curried sausages due to popularity. The next 2 weeks are as follows:



21 March: Mac & Cheese

28 March: Spaghetti Bolognese

Renee Tunbridge
Tuckshop Convenor



Wow what oppressive heat we've been experiencing these past two weeks. Thanks to Ms Creed for bringing a silver lining by arranging two days of fun, water-filled, cool activities. The kids (and some of us

big kids at heart) had an awesome time, not to mention the welcome slushies. There is always something to be grateful for as we are bombarded with images of the floods down south and the unfolding disaster in Ukraine. Let us remember them in our prayers.



First School Assembly 2022

This was the best one I have experienced over the past 7 years at BCC — well done to all, we are so proud of you. The students were fantastic, and I heard from one grandmother who commented on how well behaved they were, something she had not experienced at other schools. *Congratulations to all our wonderful leaders*. We look forward to a wonderful year ahead. The best kind of leadership is that of *servant leadership*, leading by example and being courageous, with Jesus being the best example (Philippians 2: 1–7).

Gardening Club

We planted out a packet of Cosmos seeds, which a grade 2 student had kindly blessed us with. Some of the 200 or so seeds had begun to germinate after just 2



days, thank you Keana. We are looking forward to many colourful blooms in the months ahead, along with the dwarf sunflowers of which we had almost 100% germination.

Chapel

We had our first Chapel for the year with Prep to Year 2 students enthusiastically joining in the singing, dancing and listening to the Bible story about Jesus feeding the crowd with the two loaves and five fishes that a young boy kindly shared with them. This act of kindness resulted in thousands being fed and leftovers being collected after they had all eaten. "God loves a cheerful giver" and in His hands miracles happen because "with God everything is possible." Have a blessed week ahead.

Ps Gerry MacManus
School Chaplain

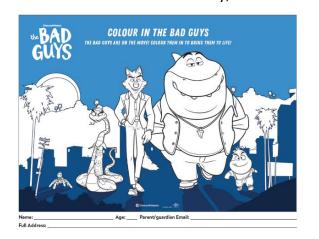
Library News

DREAMWORKS & SCHOLASTIC THE BAD GUYS Colouring in Competition

The Bad Guys are on the move ... Colour them in to be in the chance to Win 1 of 50 Family Passes to see THE BAD GUYS Movie (only in cinemas). If your child would like to enter the

competition come on down to the Library to grab your colouring-in page. Entrants are to complete the colouring-in image and submit with their parent's assistance via: Email to competitions@scholastic.com.au or send via post addressed THE BAD GUYS Competition REPLY PAID 579 GOSFORD NSW 2250. Alternately, students can leave entries at the Library before the 25th March.

So let's get colouring BCC!



Winners will be notified via email or post (depending on entry mechanic) after 28 March 2022.

The Library has an extensive range of THE BAD GUYS books to borrow or place your order with scholastic book club to get your own copy of your favourite THE BAD GUYS book.

Janine Lando Teacher Aide / Library Assistant



Introducing ... Margaret <u>Redweik</u>



BCC welcomes Margaret Redweik to our team as our new Year 1 Teacher Aide. Margaret is a highly experienced professional, working many years in the Catholic system. We know you will make Margaret welcome and remember to say "Hi" when you see her.

Favourite Colour: Blue

Favourite Movie: The Lakehouse

Favourite Holiday Destination: Bundaberg









Network 10 is shooting an action-packed competition show called *Ultimate Classroom* and we need passionate young Yr 11 & 12 Queenslanders to join our cast!

Ultimate Classroom is a show where young people (ages 16-18 in years 11 and 12) compete in epic challenges that put their passion and STEM skills to the test.

With help from the Australian Defence Force, teams of friends will tackle STEM challenges (flying drones, designing cyphers, building watercraft, and much more) as they go head-to-head to conquer the Ultimate Classroom.

We're looking for individuals and/or teams (up to three max) who want to be part of the show and who are passionate about all things STEM!

You need to be available for three full days between 27th June and 15th July 2022 (Weekdays only). If you're under 18 you will need a guardian present during filming. Filming will take place in Brisbane (Ipswich), successful applicants will be provided with flights and accommodation if required.

If you're interested send your name, age, and a brief introduction video where you tell us what STEM fields you're interested in and why. Video must be maximum 1 minute and 30 second (shot on a phone is fine) and is just a way for us to get to know you, so relax and don't worry about rehearsing!

You can enter as one person or in a team of three but each person must send in their own video. Email the video and your info. **APPLY HERE** before **8th April, 2022 closing date**.

After the closing date we will contact successful applicants who will progress to the next round of casting "All videos are for casting purposes only and will be confidential and secured.

If you require any further information, please feel free to email: ultimateclassroomten@gmail.com

Please note that all contestants, visitars and guardians participating in a 10 Paramount Production are required to be fully vaccinated against COVID-19. You will be asked to show an official vaccine certificate. This includes anyone drapping off or picking up someone from set.









