



# Burdekin *NEWSLETTER*

Christian College

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## *Principal's Message*



Deuteronomy 31:6 states "Be strong and of good courage, do not fear nor be afraid of them; for the LORD your God, He is the One who goes with you. He will not leave you nor forsake you."

We applaud the courageous children who willingly stepped onto the stage to share their amazing talents with the BCC's version of Mary Poppins last Friday night and Saturday. It is now 75 years since Queensland author, P L Travers, created 'Mary Poppins', but her tale of the importance of family and love remains as enchanting as ever. Through performing, students discovered their own voice, grew in confidence and developed empathy and ethical insight into the contradictions and paradoxes of the human condition. In many cases we saw students reveal previously hidden gifts and shine through this character building activity. Special congratulations must go to our main leads in the musical as they were simply outstanding and showed great initiative the way they navigated the technical difficulties on the opening night.

Countless hours of rehearsal, sewing and painting by staff, students and volunteers occurred to make this event come to pass. We are so blessed to have such a plethora of talented staff and families willing to so generously donate their time to our community. Special acknowledgement must go to Karen Wilson, David Lequerica, Heather Mackay, Annie Mackay and Jill Sutcliffe for their selfless hours of service for the musical.

Over the next two weeks the College will be undergoing several reviews that supports our accreditation. Our Office Staff have been working tirelessly to ready the school for these reviews and we thank them for their efforts. We ask you to pray for us during this time as we strive to achieve high standards during these audits.

As we head towards the end of term we ask all our wonderful families to make themselves aware of upcoming dates including our transition mornings for new students in 2020. On Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> and 27<sup>th</sup> of November we will be holding our Prep transition mornings and on Thursday, 21<sup>st</sup> of November we will be holding our Year 6 transition morning into Senior School. These are always worthwhile days which help students positively connect to their peers, other students in the school, and to their teachers. They also assist their teachers to know them, including their strengths, interests and learning needs. As it takes courage for students to join a new school we ask all our wonderful community to ensure they feel loved, valued and welcomed. We also welcome the many new students at our College this term that have opted to become part of the BCC family.

Have a blessed term and remember Philippians 4:6 "Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus."

**Debra Creed**  
*College Principal*

## *From the Dean's desk*

As the exciting end of the year approaches, many of our students have chartered their career paths with numerous applications to Universities and TAFE Colleges. A number of apprenticeships and traineeships have also been offered, with some students scheduled to attend the Defence Force Career Open days for the Army and Air Force in coming weeks.

Many of the Year 12 students have refocused and are completing their final assessment pieces with great enthusiasm and diligence. With only four weeks to go they are extremely excited and keen to finish off their last assessment items and exams by the end of week 5, ready for their graduation night on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> of November. The Years 10 and 11 will have an exam block in week 7 before finishing the year on the 29<sup>th</sup> of November. We wish them all the best and are praying earnestly for their success.

The Final Year 12 assessments include:

- English
- Marine Studies
- Film, TV & New Media Music
- Visual Art
- Visual Art in Practice
- Chemistry
- Biology

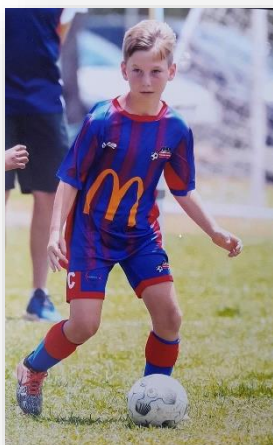
**James Pacey**  
*Dean of Curriculum, Innovation and Student Futures*

## **SPORTS NEWS**

**Jayne Orchard (HPE Teacher)**

### **John Bomben Carnival**

During the September School Holidays, the John Bombed Carnival (now in its 32nd year), was held in Cairns over five days. Aaron Pedron in Year 5 and Michael Mayor in Year 7 represented the Burdekin Football Teams and both teams achieved 3<sup>rd</sup> place. Well done boys on your selection and achievements.





## **Mental Health Week Event**

As a part of Queensland Mental Health Week, Author and Mental Health Advocate, Nicole Gibson ran a session 'Why Love is the Ultimate Life Hack' with the high school students. Nicole is known as a multi-award winning social entrepreneur, but she prefers to be seen as an unstoppable messenger of love and human potential; impacting over 250,000 people world-wide. Nicole inspired the students with her testimony, how to live fearlessly and shared about her global movement and her debut book 'Love Out Loud'. 📖



## 2019 Students' Ball







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## KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION EVENING

We will be holding a Kindergarten Information Evening for those parents who intend to send their children to our Kindergarten Program in 2020. Please come along and if you have any questions our lovely Kindergarten Teacher, Miss Elli Boatfield will be happy to answer them.

**DATE:** Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2019  
**WHERE:** Burdekin Christian College Early Learning Centre  
**TIME:** 6:00pm – 7:00pm



## ELC PARKING



Just a friendly reminder, if you are not an ELC parent please be mindful **NOT** to park in the 'ELC PARKING ONLY' bays. It gets very congested and the ELC parents are not able to park and pick their littlies up. This leaves our children vulnerable to the business of the school traffic.

It is sometimes too unsafe for parents to pick up and drop off their children at the front of the ELC building. ELC parents who have children up at the College to collect, can you please limit this to 5 minutes. Thank you ☺



### *Year 3 Classroom with Ms Stockdale*

This term, Christmas is starting early in the Year 3 classroom! Our HASS unit is taking us on an adventure around the world as we explore how other countries celebrate Christmas.

Last week we started with a hot summer Aussie Christmas. We read some funny bush Christmas stories and even decorated a mini pavlova – a favourite Christmas dessert.

This week we are getting our passports stamped in India! Although only 2.3% of Christians celebrate Christmas in India, we discovered some interesting traditions such as oil lanterns being placed on the roof of houses. We made our own oil lanterns to hang up in the classroom.



**Annette Stockdale**  
*Early Years Coordinator*



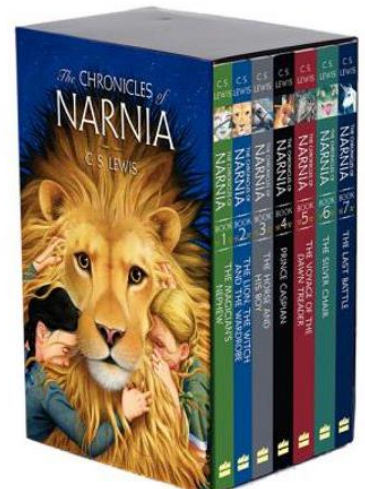
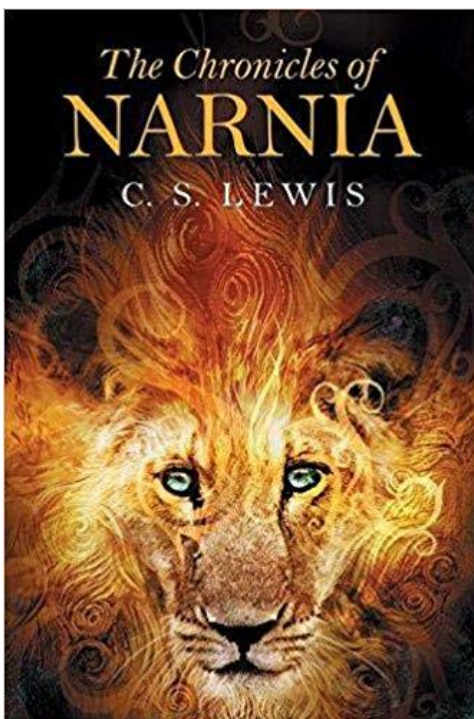
### *Year 4 Classroom*

The Year 4 students have begun exploring a novel study as a part of the English content for this term.

Students have enjoyed reading and immersing themselves in the world of Narnia in the book "The Chronicles of Narnia" by C.S Lewis.

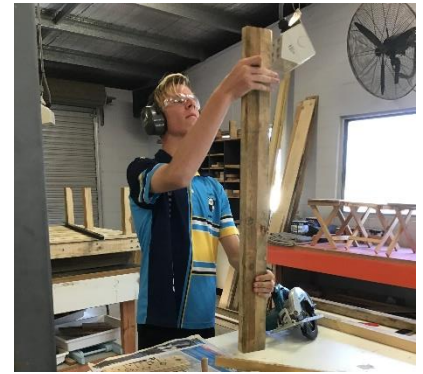
Students have answered comprehension questions about the story and have begun analysing the character of Edmund.

**Anne Mackay**  
*(Year 4 Teacher)*





In Industrial Technology Skills the Year 11 students have been drafting plans for a future project that they will complete in year 12, with a focus on technical drawing skills and computer aided drafting and design (CAD). Their next project involves a practical demonstration of their landscaping and concreting skills as they create an outside reading nook for the library incorporating a no-dig garden, concrete steps and paved seating area.



After completing their concrete edged and irrigated garden bed surround, the Year 12 Industrial Technology Skills students were finally able to use their handcrafted picnic tables in their senior eating area. To further their learning in construction and furniture making students have been working on manufacturing a scaled version of a playhouse with interactive furniture and will soon begin production of a display case to store their Year 12 memorabilia.



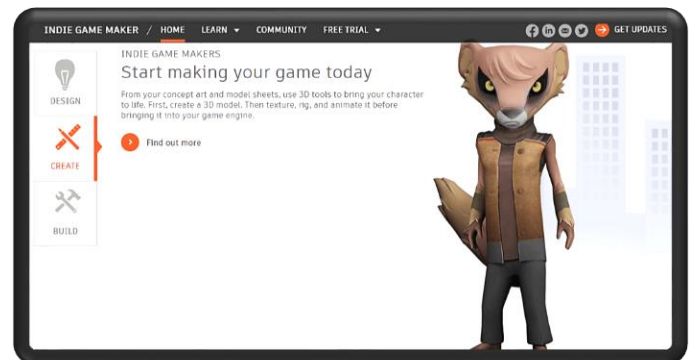
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## DIGITAL TECHNOLOGY – YEAR 9/10 3D GAME MAKER

For Digital Technology in Term 4, students in Year 9 and 10 are working on a program called 'Indie Game Maker' to develop the knowledge, understanding and skills to ensure that they are able to investigate, design, plan, manage, create and evaluate solutions through three phases: character creation, game designing and game development.

Game-based learning involves students using game development concepts and software to create their own games. Game making also helps students develop the three types of thinking that the Digital Technologies curriculum is based around, namely systems, design and computational thinking.

The students need to be creative, innovative and enterprising when using emerging technologies such as 'Indie Game Maker' and engage confidently and responsibly when selecting and manipulating appropriate technologies (i.e. materials, data, systems, components, tools and equipment).



**Ms Antoinette Sweetman**  
*Digital Technology Teacher*





My name is Miss Robson and I will be a new year. I grew up in the Burdekin and town before moving to Townsville to gain Throughout my time at University, I was Extension Program in multiple schools opportunities to further my teaching am super excited to make a positive experience.



teacher at Burdekin Christian College next completed all my schooling in this small my Bachelor of Primary Education. selected to be a part of a Mathematics which provided me with extended beyond the education Degree itself. I impact in your child's schooling

From an early age I was heavily involved in continued to play throughout my university swimming, touch football, netball, softball to basketball. As you can probably tell, I love my team sports.

sports for the Burdekin community and days for JCU. I played a range of sports from

I hope to foster a love of learning whilst promoting responsibility and respect within my classroom. I will be popping into classrooms at BCC in Term 4 to start developing strong relationships between staff and students. If you see me around the school, please don't hesitate to say hello to me and introduce yourself and your family as I would love to get to know the whole BCC family. I cannot wait to make 2020 an unforgettable school year full of learning and fun!

My name is Valerie Baptista. We moved to Australia at the beginning of the year. We are settling into our new way of life and we have been touched by the kindness of many people that we have come into contact with, especially at the Burdekin Christian College where our children Alyssa and Alex attend school. I have seen them blossom and grow in confidence. My husband Mario is a teacher at Home Hill High School where he is in the Manual Arts department.

Education is a big part of our lives with us both being teachers. I am a passionate teacher who wants to see every child achieve to the best of their ability. I am a firm believer that each child is unique and has so much to offer. I believe in hard work but there must be an element of fun as well because that is when children are engaged and are learning.

I am looking forward to starting at the Burdekin Christian College next year in 2020.





## **New Sports Uniform**

BCC's brand **NEW** Primary and Secondary Sports uniforms are now available for purchase at the Office. These sports uniforms will be rolled out over the next 6 months as we transition from our old uniform.



## **HPV Vaccine**

Strategic Communications Branch coordinated this piece about second dose HPV, the clip is available here <https://www.facebook.com/10NewsQLD/videos/494418531400944/> and was broadcast from a range of regional stations too on Monday.

Strategic Communications Branch have put a [media release](#) and sent out a state-wide media release recently.

Nick Pouchkareff, Clinical Nurse Consultant, School Based Youth Health, Children's Health Queensland is featured in the clip. He also completed a prerecording with a regional radio station (4RR Charleville).



**The HPV vaccine is provided free in schools but an alarming number of students only get ...**

Channel 10, Brisbane, 10 News First, Georgina Lewis

15 Oct 2019 5:38 PM

Duration: 1 min 31 secs • ASR AUD 11,256 • QLD • Australia • Clips • ID: X00080683732

The HPV vaccine is provided free in schools but an alarming number of students only get the first jab, making them at risk for the potentially deadly virus. Qld Health's Nick Pouchkareff says the second dose of vaccination is the most important. Principal Jeff Major says they are working to keep parents engaged by using the school newsletter, school website, and Facebook. HPV can develop into cancer if left unchecked.

### **Audience**

117,000 All, 50,000 MALE 16+, 64,000 FEMALE 16+

### **Interviewees**

Dr Alice Whittaker, Gynaecologist|Jeff Major, Principal|Nick Pouchkareff, Qld Health|vox pops

### **Also broadcast from the following 9 stations**

Ten Gold Coast (Gold Coast), Ten Sunshine Coast (Sunshine Coast), WIN Cairns (Cairns), WIN Mackay (Mackay), WIN Rockhampton (Rockhampton), WIN Sunshine Coast (Sunshine Coast), WIN Toowoomba (Toowoomba), WIN Townsville (Townsville), WIN Wide Bay (Bundaberg)





**Pastor Gerry's  
Lunch Club starts on  
Thursday 24th October  
from 10:45am.**

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**All students are  
welcome!**

**Pastor Gerry MacManus**  
*School Chaplain*



# PASTOR GERRY'S LUNCH CLUB

**Begins Thursday 24th October  
10:45am - Near the Art Room**

***All year levels welcome!***

***See Pastor Gerry for more info.***

## Library News

It's the final week of Operation Christmas Child - **Week 6: 'Something for Personal Hygiene'**: Soap and face washer, toothbrush, hairbrush, comb, scrunchies, hair-clips, female hygiene products etc.

Thank you so much to those students/families/staff who have already given generously, we are truly grateful for your support. ♥

**It's not too late to donate items from the previous weeks:**

Week 1: **'Something to Wear'** – T-shirt, polo, shirt, shorts, skirts, cap, beanie, sandals, etc.

Week 2: **'Something to Love'** - Teddy bear, doll, soft toy, etc.

Week 3: **'Something Special'** - Carry bag, sunglasses, bangles, stickers, necklaces, craft kits, wind-up torch, a personal note, a photo of yourself, etc.

Week 4: **'Something for School'**: Exercise book, pencil case, pens, pencils, colouring pencils, sharpener, eraser, chalk, etc.

Week 5: **'Something to Play With'** - Tennis/Hand ball, toy cars, skipping rope, marbles, small musical instrument, yo-yo, slinky, finger puppets etc.

It has been asked that items please be **NEW** and not pre-loved. ♥ There are plenty of great value for money items at the Reject Shop in Ayr.







We'd love you to join us for the Operation Christmas Child Packing Party on Saturday 26 October in the BCC Hall at 9am! Many hands make light work. Morning Tea will be provided. We look forward to seeing you.

Thank you so much and God bless! ✈️🌍🎁

**Rachel Cornelius**  
Librarian



We are participating in Redgum Book Club this term and the flyer will be sent home shortly with your child. Every order will earn resources and books for our school. The Redgum Book Club catalogue is [now all online](http://www.redgumbookclub.com.au). The online catalogue will continue to be packed with quality books and educational game options (from international and local publishers), bestsellers and gold coin options. Please open the link to view the current catalogue.

#### Redgum Book Club Term 4

Books start from \$2 with hundreds more titles on their website. [www.redgumbookclub.com.au](http://www.redgumbookclub.com.au)

The catalogue is now open and closes on the 4<sup>th</sup> November. Orders will be delivered to the school by 22<sup>nd</sup> November.

How to place an order:

- Order online and pay by credit card [www.redgumbookclub.com.au](http://www.redgumbookclub.com.au)
- Email [orders@redgumbookclub.com.au](mailto:orders@redgumbookclub.com.au)



- **Friday 18 October to Saturday 19 October** - 2019 Mary Poppins Musical
- **Saturday 26 October** – Operation Christmas Child Packing Party
- **Saturday 2 November** – Cent Sale at BCC
- **Friday 8 November** – Whole School Annual Swimming Carnival
- **Saturday 9 November** - Senior School Graduation
- **Wednesday 13 November** - Awards Evening
- **Friday 15 November** - Senior School Farewell



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Saturday 9th November 2019  
Formal Graduation Dinner

*Save the Dates*

Wednesday 13th November 2019  
Awards Night

Friday 15th November 2019  
Senior Farewell

## ADULT DANCE CARDIO CLASSES

TUESDAYS 5:30pm  
\$10 | 45 mins  
@ BURDEKIN CHRISTIAN COLLEGE  
HALL, AYR  
13 YEARS AND OVER

*eleven*  
DANCE CARDIO

Classes taught by Elli Boatfield  
Instagram & Facebook: | @elevendancecardio

Like us on Facebook and follow us on Instagram at Crossfire Youth

**FRIDAY NIGHTS @ Burdekin  
Community Church**

**Term 4 - 2019**

**6.30pm-8.30pm**

**\$2 ENTRY FEE**

<b>18/10</b>	<b>HANG OUT</b>	Come and hang out with your mates. There will be pool tables, basketball, handball, table tennis and loads of board games and food.
<b>25/10</b>	<b>BOOT CAMP</b>	Get your exercise gear on for a night of fun and fitness with Chappy Scott. Meet us at the Home Hill showgrounds hall and be prepared to get physical.
<b>1/11</b>	<b>TROPICAL FRIDAY</b>	Tropical Friday - Come dressed in your tropical gear and be prepared to have some tropical North Queensland fun and games.
<b>8/11</b>	<b>LET'S HANG OUT</b>	Come and play a variety of board and ball games or just chill with your mates. Try basketball, handball, table tennis, pool, uno, twister and more.
<b>15/11</b>	<b>MINUTE TO WIN IT</b>	You have 60 seconds to complete this task. Come ready to compete and win prizes for your team. Prizes up for grabs.
<b>22/11</b>	<b>CROSSFIRE YOUTH'S GOT TALENT</b>	Come along and show us your individual and group talent/act. Great prizes up for grabs for the first, second and third place winners.
<b>29/11</b>	<b>hang out</b>	Come and hang out with your mates. There will be pool tables, basketball, handball, table tennis and loads of board games and food.
<b>6/12</b>	<b>POOL PARTY</b>	We are celebrating the end of Crossfire Youth for 2019 by hiring out the Ayr Town Pool. Bring your swimmers and a towel and a plate of food to share. A sausage sizzle will be provided.

## AYR AMATEUR SWIMMING CLUB

JOIN today, or try CLUB NIGHTS every Wednesday

Find out more on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/AyrStars/>

AASC Swim Squad and Coaching @ Ayr Swimming Pool (Queen Street, Ayr)

Time	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	Notes
6.15-7.45am	SAGE - Coaching		SAGE - Coaching		SAGE - Coaching	\$2 @ gate \$5 to Coach
3.30-4.30pm	KIM/MICK -Junior Squad	KIM/MICK -Junior Squad		KIM/MICK -Junior Squad	KIM/MICK -Junior Squad	\$2 @ gate See Coach re: fees
4.30-6.00pm	KIM/MICK -Senior Squad	KIM/MICK -Senior Squad		KIM/MICK -Senior Squad	KIM/MICK -Senior Squad	\$2 @ gate See Coach re: fees
6.00-7.00pm	Adult Fitness		Ayr Amateur Swim Club <b>CLUB NIGHT</b>	Adult Squad Fitness		\$2 @ gate \$5 to Coach



**Have Fun. Get Healthy!**

For more information on squads or coaching, please contact  
Kim / Mick McConnachie (0447 305 400) or Sage Hisatake (0449 978 271)





Join us at Burdekin Christian College on  
Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> October at 9am  
for our OCC Shoebox Packing Party!

Burdekin Christian College & Burdekin Community Church  
have been collecting items and now it is time to put  
together our Shoeboxes to be sent around the world.

Morning Tea will be provided!

