



# Burdekin *NEWSLETTER*

Christian College

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Term 3, Issue No 4 - 2019

## *Principal's Message*



WOW! What a historic moment occurred last week at the College! Not only did the Year 12 students undertake the school's FIRST ever Queensland Core Skills Test (QCST) they also undertook the school's LAST ever QCST with the abolition of the OP system and introduction of ATAR. The testing occurred over two days and we must congratulate all the students on their application and concentration during the exam periods. We also congratulate our entire College community for ensuring the quiet nature of lessons and activities around the campus to maximise ideal testing conditions.

Our Grade 11 and 12 students will soon be rewarded for all the hard work they are putting into finalising study as they travel to Fiji for their service learning trip. Our Grade 7 to 10 students have already left for a magnificent time at the Gold Coast and Brisbane visiting exciting places such as Movie World, Sea World, the Science Centre and Wet'n'Wild. When they return, Grades 9 and 10 students will go straight into work experience week. Finally, our Upper Junior School students will be spending the last couple of days of the term at Paluma for camp.

The Water Festival activities themed 'Disney' have been amazing this year. We really congratulate the Water Festival Committee for such a fabulous festival. Last weekend students and staff attended the Water Festival Ball and were extremely proud of Amisa and the way she represented the College with grace and poise. We congratulate all the entrants on their efforts – what a delightful group of young people. We can be certain the future is in good hands with such excellent role models for their generation. Amisa looked stunning in her golden carriage on the College float. Our float was awarded first prize for 'Best Themed Float' and we must acknowledge the days of work put into its creation by Mrs Jill Sutcliffe in its creation. Thank you Mrs Sutcliffe – what a tremendous asset you are to our College.

We also have some future politicians in our midst with the tremendous representation and speaking talents of our students at the Junior Indigenous Youth Parliament and Junior Youth Parliament in Townsville this week. The College was so proud! We are also extremely proud of Jett Wallis who was one of only 60 students in Australia to be selected for the DigIT program – a stunning achievement! Another high achiever last week was Jesiah McIvor who came second in the NQ Athletics Trials after jumping 1.86 metres! Congratulations Jesiah on your amazing performance.

Last week I had the opportunity to catch up with Mr David Robertson, Executive Director of Independent Schools Queensland, our member body, and other Townsville independent school principals for a strategic planning session. It was very heartening to see how well our College is doing despite lower economic trends in our region.

With so much happening in Term 3, especially in the area of Senior School assessment, it is easy to become overwhelmed, exhausted and anxious. It is at these times we must turn to the Bible for direction and counsel.

"Let us not be weary in doing good, for we will reap in due season, if we don't give up." – Galatians 6:9. Please remember, "I can do all things through Christ, who strengthens me." – Philippians 4:13.

## Debra Creed

*College Principal*



### *From the Dean's desk*

## James Pacey

*Dean of Curriculum, Innovation and Student Futures*

We are almost at the end of Term 3 and many of the High school students are away over the next couple of weeks enjoying their reprieve from school work on the Gold Coast or Fiji camp. I hope all the students enjoy the break and come back refreshed to start Term 4.

By the end of this week, the Year 12 students will be finished all assessments that will be sent to the QCAA moderation event that occurs on Monday 21 October. Students will then have one assessment per subject due in Term 4 before preparing for their Graduation celebrations.

A few of our Year 11 students have enjoyed some recent experience in applying for school-based traineeships through Dominos and OSMAC. Congratulations to these students for working towards their future goals. Year 11 students will be undertaking a review of their Year 10 SET plans next term with Mrs. Wilson to ensure that they are on track for their chosen career pathway, i.e. University, Traineeship or vocation.

Our Year 9 and 10 had the opportunity to attend the Subject Selection Information Night on Wednesday. Where students and parents could not attend a Subject Information Handbook will be mailed out to parents. All Year 10 students will have a Senior Education and Training (SET) Plan meeting with Mrs Wilson in Week 10.

A SET plan helps students:

- structure your learning around your abilities, interests and ambitions
- think about your education, training and career options after Year 12
- set and achieve your learning goals in Years 11 and 12, and beyond
- include flexible and coordinated pathway options in your course of senior study
- communicate with your parents/carers or teacher's/careers counsellors about your post-school plans



After a SET plan is undertaken and if students would like to make a change to subjects or courses, it is important that students discuss this with the Dean's or other learning provider. Students must have approval from school or learning provider before changes are made.

## Karen Wilson

*Dean of Curriculum and Administration*

## **Burdekin Festival of Arts**

### **Choral Singing**

Prep/Year 1/Year 2:	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place
Year 3/Year 4:	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
Year 5/Year 6:	Highly Commended

### **Duologues**

Latifah Koro / Lettia Terare:	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
Lhaycie Hicks, Vaylee Grabs:	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place

### **Choral Speaking**

Prep/Year 1:	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
Year 5:	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
Year 6:	1 <sup>st</sup> Place

### **Character Poems**

Emily Leek:	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
Amisa Lamichhane:	Highly Commended

### **Singing**

- Vocal Solo Classical Primary Years 2 and 3 – Grace Knight – 2<sup>nd</sup>
- Vocal Solo from Musical Theatre Years 3 and 4 – Grace Knight – 2<sup>nd</sup>

### **Instrumental:**

- Instrumental Solo Any Style Year 12 – Brittany De Jong – 1<sup>st</sup>
- Instrumental Duet or Trio Any Style Open – Brittany De Jong – 1<sup>st</sup>

### **Drawing**

Drawing Coloured:	1 <sup>st</sup> Place
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Mixed Media	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place
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George McKenzie  
Emily Pacey  
Erica Gongora  
Jahkarn Nuttall  
Hannah Eakins  
Harry Kaminski  
Immanuel Davis  
Kalina Wieczorek  
Ellie Eakins  
Emily Leek  
Lhaycie Hicks  
Tyreece Trindle  
Vaylee Grabs  
Lettia Terare

Jorja Grabs  
Ezrah Henaway  
Faith Luke  
Kalina Wieczorek  
Christopher Capper  
Aaron Wall  
Amisa Lamichhane  
Nevaeh Robson  
Ellie Eakins

Ryan Terare





## Interschool Athletics Carnival

On Friday 23 August, a team of 25 BCC students took part in the District Secondary School Athletics Carnival. While BCC wasn't the overall winning school of the day, the students put in their best efforts, gained status for our school and demonstrated great sportsmanship. BCC are so proud of all of our athletes.

For those who didn't get a place, you still gave it your all, turned up and participated, and you earned points for our school. You should be very proud of yourselves. The following students who scored a place on the day were:

• Jesiah Mclvor	1 <sup>st</sup> Place 400m	Open Boys
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place High Jump	Open Boys
• Pouhila Finau	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place 200m	12 Year Boys
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place 100m	12 Year Boys
• Ethan Cornelius	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place 200m	Open Boys
	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place 100	Open Boys
• Braithan Heron	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place 200m	Open Boys
	1 <sup>st</sup> Place Triple Jump	Open Boys
• Naomi Mayor	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Javelin	16 Year Girls
• Zachary Sutcliffe	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Long Jump	14 Years Boys
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Triple Jump	14 Years Boys
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place High Jump	14 Years Boys
• George McKenzie	3 <sup>rd</sup> Place Shot Put	13 Year Boys
	2 <sup>nd</sup> Place Javelin	13 Year Boys
• Michael Mayor	2 <sup>nd</sup> High Jump	12 Year Boys

Special mention goes to Moesha Billy (16 Year Girls) who threw a personal best in Shot Put and to Jesiah Mclvor in Year 12, who will be heading to the NQ Trials for High Jump. The final event of the day was one of total excitement as the crowd cheered loudly for our Senior Boys, who put in a huge effort and came **1<sup>st</sup> Place** in the *Open Boys Relay*. A big shout out to: Ethan Cornelius, Braithan Heron, Braedan Nemec and Jesiah Mclvor. Thanks boys it was a very exciting race to watch.

To achieve great results, you need to step up, take part, push through, train hard and practice. Remember you don't know until you try. A big round of applause for all your efforts students, next year will be even bigger and better.









## **Digit2020 Program**



Jett Wallis has been participating in the Australian Maths Competition for some years. This year he was offered to apply for a place in the Digit2020 program,

which is a 6 months mentoring program to develop Jett's skills in Information and Communication Technology. Jett was successful in his application and is one of only 60 students from Queensland, Northern Territory and Northern NSW to be offered a place. The experience will start with a Summer Camp in Brisbane in January 2020 at the University of Queensland where he will meet the other students in the program, hear talks from prominent people in ICT, complete lab work, enjoy excursions and meet his mentor. Over the six months he will work with his mentor on a project of

interest to him and then the program will finish with a Winter camp in July 2020.

We congratulate and celebrate Jett's achievement at gaining a place in such an exciting program that will certainly extend him into fields of interest not yet reached and look forward to him sharing his journey with us.



## **Youth Parliament Townsville**

Congratulations to our students who represented us at the Townsville Youth Parliament. They spoke very eloquently on topics including fashion slavery, the environment and animal cruelty. All students were wonderful representatives of the College and we are hoping there may be a future Prime Minister amongst them! Congratulations to Ezra Henaway and Lani Taiters who were wonderful representatives for the College. They even got to meet the Honourable Curtis Pitt, Speaker of the Legislative Assembly! Ezra spoke on environmental issues and Lani spoke about introducing Aboriginal culture and language into the school curriculum. Well done on your amazing efforts.





## **Water Festival Highlights**

What an amazing Water Festival 2019! Our talented Junior Ambassador Amisa Lamichhane represented the College beautifully at the Water Festival Ball cheered on by 24 supporters from staff and students. The Grand Parade this year was themed Disney and all the floats were of an extremely high standard. Congratulations go to Mrs Jill Sutcliffe the brains behind our stunning float 'Disneyland' that won Best Themed Float.







## Father's Day at ELC

Our Early Learning Centre celebrated Father's Day on Friday 30 August 2019. The fathers enjoyed coming together with their child/ren to participate in some fun activities such as: Designing a Cooler, making a Best Dad Keyring, Playing football and much more. The Kindy children pre made nuts and bolts and created a story about "My Daddy". It was a wonderful celebration thanks to the staff at the ELC for putting this wonderful event on.



## ELC Open Day

We had an exciting Open Day where the community were invited to have a look at our fantastic Centre. The staff provided our guests with information about the Toddler and Kindergarten Program. There was a Jumping Castle, Coffee Van, Face Painting and a free Sausage Sizzle. This day brought in a number of new families to the Centre, which is fantastic. Special thanks goes to the staff and Mr Trevor Nash, Mr Geno Cole, Mr and Mrs Williams, Mrs Barbara Millburn and Jumping Castles Ayr who gave up their time and contributed to a great Open Day.







**Year 2:** For English this term the Year two students have been completing an information report on an animal of their choice. To help with their assignments the Grade two's spent a day at the Billabong Sanctuary to learn about different animals' habitats, eating habits, mannerisms etc. The students interacted with a carpet python, wombat, baby crocodile and fed some hungry ducks and kangaroos. It was an excellent day full of learning and fun.



**Year 4:** students have explored finding the area of different shapes, as part of the maths content for Term 3. Students enjoyed the hands on approach to work out how many students could fit, sitting up and laying down, in both a 2m x 2m square and a 3m x 3m square. This activity helped students to understand what area is and how to calculate area using informal units.

**Anne Mackay**  
(Year 4 Teacher)



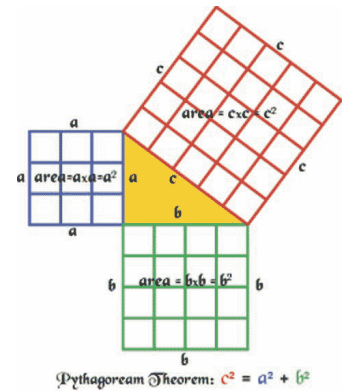
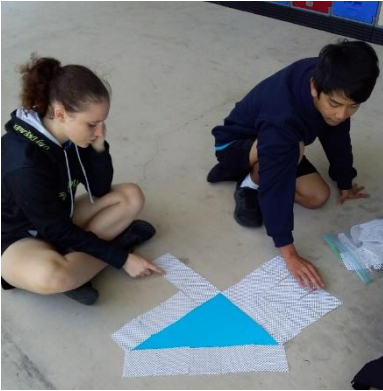
### **Holly's Hospitality Morning Tea**

On Wednesday 4 September 2019, Holly served a morning tea to the Teacher Aides for her assignment for Hospitality. Throughout the term, Holly has been researching recipes, calculating the costs of ingredients and trialling recipes in preparation for the event. On the day Holly served fruit kebabs, pizza pinwheels and cake in a mug. Well done Holly!





The Year 9/10 Mathematics Class have been studying a Unit on Pythagoras' Theorem and Trigonometry. This unit looks at the mathematics of right angled triangles and the important application that this has in many fields such as Construction, Biology, Astronomy, Surveying, Engineering, Architecture and so on. The students were able to discover Pythagoras' Theorem from doing a hands on activity as shown in the photos.



## Primary Camp Update

Year 4 to 6 students are about to experience the beautiful misty surrounds of the Paluma Range National Park, 892m above sea level. They will be staying at the Paluma Environmental Education Centre (PEEC) on Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September and returning on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September. During



their visit, they will engage with the local surrounds through bird spotting, rainforests walks, sensory trails and building shelters. At night, they will experience the transformations of the rainforest as the PEEC coordinators share their knowledge during guided walks.

## Senior Camp Update

Safe travels to all our BCC students & staff travelling to the Gold Coast for the week. Have a wonderful time on camp!





## NAPLAN

It is so positive to see students take a balanced approach to their academic and co-curricular achievements and a good reminder that academic success is only a small part of their personal development. With that in mind, parents/carers are reminded that the NAPLAN results, which are being mailed this week, are only a small snap shot of their child's overall achievement. If you have any questions around the data, please ensure you make an appointment to discuss it with your child's teacher. However, we did see some pleasing trends in the data this year and congratulate all our students on their efforts whatever their result.

## Enrol for 2020

Please ensure you have made an appointment for an interview with the Principal if you are planning to enrol your child at the College in 2020. This includes families with children already enrolled in the College. Prep parents are encouraged to apply now as numbers are capped.

## Staff News

Staffing interviews for 2020 have commenced. Several key appointments have already been made. Although we are saddened by the departure of Mrs Goon Chew we are delighted that her position will be filled by Mrs Janine Lando who has already been working as a Teacher Aide within the College.

## CHAPLAIN'S CORNER†

**Pastor Gerry MacManus**  
School Chaplain

Wow, another term is nearly over. There's been so much happening on the school calendar:

- **Water Festival:** congratulations Amisa Lamichhane for representing our school with pride & honour. A very big thank you to Mrs Jill Sutcliffe and the band of merry helpers.
- At the recent **Arts Festival** our students excelled and received the accolades from judges & supporters alike. Well done students and thanks to all the teachers for preparing the student so well.
- The **Inter-School Athletics Team** and Supporters who did the school proud, with personal bests, top 3 placings, and first time ever win for our 4 x 100m Senior Boys Open Relay team (Ethan Cornelius, Braithan Heron, Braeden Nemec & Jesiah McGivor), for winning this prestigious title. Well done young men. Outstanding achievement Jesiah McGivor, who will represent the Burdekin in the NQ Trials for High Jump.
- Thank you to all the staff and students who did a great job of show-casing our awesome school at the **ELC & School Open Days**.
- Good on you students and staff who dressed up for our fancy-dress days (we do have a wealth of artist talent) and support in the fundraising activities.
- **Billabong Excursion** for Grade 2s – what an awesome experience. I was so proud that we have some budding naturalists (even the Ranger couldn't answer one of the questions & said he'd have to do some more research to find out the answer).
- **School Camps** for the Junior Secondary students to the Gold Coast and the Grade 11's & 12's to Fiji. My prayer is that these will produce life-long memories and consolidate friendships on the way.

Let me finish with a couple of promises from the Bible: ***"Come near to God and He will come near to you."*** (James 4: 8), and ***"Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you."*** (Hebrews 13: 5). God wants the best for all of us, so let's all make an effort to be the best for Him.

Thanks to all our staff, parents and guardians for your wonderful support of BCC school life. Praying you all have a great holiday break and come back after the holidays feeling refreshed. God bless.



## Library News

### *bella rae*

#### **ATTENTION: HIGH SCHOOL GALS!**

The latest bella rae magazine (Issue #13) is now available for borrowing from the BCC Library! In the pages of bella rae, you will find a vibrant collection of diverse people with real stories, craft, artwork, recipes, music, fitness and wellbeing. It is unique, fun, and passionate – just like our readers!



**Rachel Cornelius**  
*Librarian*



- **Sunday 8 September to Saturday 14 September** - Years 7-10 Brisbane/Gold Coast Camp
- **Sunday 15 September to Saturday 21 September** - Years 11/12 Mission Trip to Fiji
- **Monday 16 September to Friday 20 September** - Years 9/10 Work Experience
- **Thursday 19 September to Friday 20 September** - Years 4/5/6 Camp
- **Monday 22 September** – Holidays Commence
- **Tuesday 8 October** - School Commences
- **Friday 18 October to Saturday 19 October** - 2019 Mary Poppins Musical
- **Saturday 9 November** - Senior School Graduation
- **Wednesday 13 November** - Awards Evening
- **Friday 15 November** - Senior School Farewell

# 2019 Students' Ball

**FRIDAY 11 OCTOBER**  
**TICKET COST: \$35**  
**DOORS OPEN: 7:00PM- 11:00PM**  
**MEMORIAL HALL, HOME HILL**  
**DRUG AND ALCOHOL FREE EVENT**

**Tickets for Sale Monday and Wednesday**  
**September 2, 4 & 9, 11    8:00 am to 5:30 am    Student ID Required**

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**Term 3 - 2019**

**FRIDAY NIGHTS @ Burdekin Community Church**  
**6.30pm-8.30pm**

**\$2 ENTRY FEE**

19/7	<b>FRIDAY NIGHT HANGOUT</b>	Come and hang out!!! We've got handball, pool tables, basketball, table tennis plus plenty of board and card games.
26/7		<b>CHILLAX FIRE NIGHT - IT'S TIME TO WARM UP AROUND SOME FIRES OUT THE BACK, EAT MARSHMALLOWS AND DRINK HOT MILO. BRING YOUR GUITARS.</b>
02/08	<b>GIRL'S NIGHT OUT</b>	<b>GIRLS NIGHT ONLY</b> - This is a special night for the girls only. <b>SORRY BOYS!!!</b> Ladies come dressed up for a special night with the women of the church for a great message for women and extra special food. We want you to feel cherished. It all starts at 7pm.
09/08	<b>YOUTH HANGOUT NIGHT</b>	Hangout Night - Come and hang out!!! We've got handball, pool tables, basketball, table tennis plus plenty of board and card games.
16/08	<b>YOUTH ALIVE</b>	Youth Alive Night - We are heading up to <b>TOWNSVILLE</b> for a huge concert with several other youth groups. You won't want to miss this.
23/08		Iron and Clay Concert - Come and join us at the Burdekin Christian College Hall as we welcome the band Iron and Clay who are currently touring North Queensland and will be performing for us for one night only. Everyone from grades 5 and up are welcome to come to this very special night.
30/08	<b>LET'S HANG OUT!</b>	Hangout Night - Come and hang out!!! We've got handball, pool tables, basketball, table tennis plus
06/09	<b>MOVIE NIGHT</b>	COME AND ENJOY A MOVIE AND FREE POPCORN ON THE BIG SCREEN. BRING YOUR PILLOWS AND GET COMFY.
13/09	<b>MINUTE TO WIN IT</b>	LET'S END THE TERM WITH SOME MINUTE TO WIN CHALLENGES. WHICH TEAM WILL WIN? RED, GREEN OR YELLOW????
24/09 To 28/09		<b>EXTREME CAMP</b> - Join us at we head off for our annual camp in Mackay for four nights of fun, fellowship and growth. Eeeeeek!!! Can't wait.



## INVITES YOU



To our come and try/sign on day - Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September, 2019 at 3.30 pm (1<sup>st</sup> Street Home Hill)



Then come and play cricket on Friday afternoons starting Friday 11<sup>th</sup> October from 3.30 to 6 pm - not all day!



Canteen is open every week (for big kids too!)



No need to have cricket gear - use the clubs gear!



Come and enjoy the nice, cool afternoons/early evenings with a nice cold beverage and watch the children enjoy the game of cricket!




We play just like the Big Bash - T20 style cricket format (everyone gets to bat and bowl)



For more information please visit our facebook page or email us at [homehillca@gmail.com](mailto:homehillca@gmail.com)

**Cricket is heaps of fun - come and have a go!!**

Burdekin Christian College's Production of



A Musical based on the stories of P.L. Travers and the Walt Disney film

Original Music and Lyrics by Richard M. Sherman and Robert B. Sherman

Book by Julian Fellowes

New Songs and Additional Music and Lyrics by George Sillis and Anthony Drewe

Co-Created by Cameron Mackintosh





Adapted by iTheatrics under the supervision of Timothy Allen McDonald

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**Burdekin Christian College Hall**  
**6.00pm Friday 18th October**  
**2.00pm Saturday 19th October**  
**\$5 per ticket**  
**(07) 4783 5552**  
**2 - 12 Melbourne Street, Ayr Qld 4807**



## Townsville STEM Hub Schedule 2019

TIME	VONSTIEGLITZ ROOM - SCIENCE SPECTACULAR	TIME	STEM LOUNGE – STEM SPOTLIGHT SESSIONS
9:30-10:15am	SAFETY CULTURE / ROCKFIELD TECHNOLOGIES SCIENCE SPECTACULAR SHOW 	9:30	<b>Get involved with STEM - Coral Watch</b> Paddy MacLeod, Head of Department, Science, KSHS
		10:00	<b>Local Engineering - Rockfield Technologies Australia</b> Tom Bainbridge - Operations Manager
10:45-11:30am	SAFETY CULTURE / ROCKFIELD TECHNOLOGIES SCIENCE SPECTACULAR SHOW 	10:30	<b>Children's activities - Junior Engineers</b> Adam Jacobs, Junior Engineers Managing Director
		11:00	<b>Problem solving using STEM – AIMS</b> Melanie Olsen - Technology Development Engineering - Team Leader
		11:30	<b>Occupations in STEM - Defence STEM</b> Nikki Manning
		12:00	<b>Local research in STEM – JCU</b>
12:00-12:45pm	SAFETY CULTURE / ROCKFIELD TECHNOLOGIES SCIENCE SPECTACULAR SHOW 	12:30	<b>Local research and education – CSIRO</b> Allura Crowe - Education Specialist   Digital Careers Megan Spandler - Project Officer   STEM Professionals in Schools Dr Keith Bristow – Senior Principal Research Scientist, CSIRO Dr Erin Bohensky - Senior Research Scientist, Livelihoods and Adaptive Development, CSIRO
		1:00	<b>International research – AIMS</b> Lyndon Llewellyn - Research Program Leader, Data and Technology Innovation
1:30 – 2:15pm	SAFETY CULTURE / ROCKFIELD TECHNOLOGIES SCIENCE SPECTACULAR SHOW 	2:00	<b>YOUNG ENTREPRENEURS Presentations and PRIZES</b> Townsville STEM Hub Executive
		2:30	<b>TECNQ / ROBOTICS Presentations and PRIZES</b> Jennifer Tobulla - Manager, Strategic Projects Trent Welsby – Annandale Christian College Townsville STEM Hub Executive