



# Burdekin *NEWSLETTER*

Christian College

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*"Be still in the presence of the Lord and wait patiently for Him to act." – Psalm 37:7*

Our week commenced with wonderful news as the State Government decided **ALL** students can return to school on **Monday, 25 May 2020**. I thank all our community for your good will and understanding during such a challenging time and thank God for rewarding our patience and our trust in Him. We will be putting these extra initiatives in place to support your child/ren's learning on their return to school:

- Focus on literacy and numeracy in the Junior School;
- Computer room opened on Tuesdays and Thursdays for catch up support and tutoring;
- We have added an extra week of schooling at the end of Term 2 to give students more learning time and assessment time so that the school holidays will now commence on **Monday, 29 June 2020**.
- Year 11/12 revised assessment commitments; and
- Literacy Planet and SumDog platforms will remain open until the end of 2020.

All QLD  
students return  
to the  
classroom from  
May 25

***We strongly recommend any parent/carer concerned about their child/ren's learning make an appointment immediately with the classroom or subject teacher to discuss these concerns.***

On the topic of teachers, we welcome two new teachers to our College. Mr Zanella takes over the Junior Science, Graphics, Legal Studies and Agricultural Science portfolios at our College and is also leading our staff with his amazing knowledge of the Education Perfect program. Mrs Crowther has travelled from the Sunshine Coast to join us as the Lead Teacher in the Year 6 cohort. Mrs Vigerzi and Mrs Sutcliffe will also be working with our Year 6 cohort to provide extra support and extension lessons to ensure these students are 'up to speed' for their transition into Senior School. Please make these teachers feel welcome and ensure we exhibit our philosophy of 'CARE' at all times.

This week classes are focusing on the 'C' in **CARE**, which stands for courtesy. You can support us by reinforcing this at home too. Ways we can all demonstrate courtesy include: using please and thank you, treating each other with respect and waiting patiently to take a turn. It has been wonderful watching some of our youngest students demonstrate this value when asking for a handball at the Office or approaching teachers with their most beautiful manners.

We look forward to **EVERY** student exhibiting these values **EVERY** day when our entire College community returns on Monday. On behalf of the BCC staff I again express my thanks to our families for their willingness to follow the Government directives and ensure our school community stays safe and strong. See you Monday morning!

Blessings

**Debra Creed**  
College Principal

Last week marks the end of the first week back for the Year 11 and 12 students. Thank you to these students who have transitioned back into normal school routines and work. We are fast approaching the end of Semester 2 assessment and planning for the second half of 2020 and beyond.

### **Year 10**

Mr Pacey has handed out a quick questionnaire to the Year 10 students for them to indicate subjects that they are interested in for Year 11 and 12. We will be starting the Senior Education & Training Plans (SET Plan) process early next term. This is where students and parents are able to discuss choices for Senior Subjects in a SET Plan meeting. Information for students and parents will be sent home in the coming weeks.

### **Year 11**

Assessment timelines may have changed for the Year 11 students due to the COVID-19 situation. Students will continue to learn all topics in each unit so that they will be ready for External Exams in 2021. Great work to students who have worked well during the switch to online learning and transitioned back to school this week.

### **Year 12**

Assessment has changed for Year 12 students with one less assessment per subject this year. This does not mean that less topics will be covered especially because of External Exams happening in Term 4.

If you or your student has concerns with any of these changes, please contact the school as soon as possible so that we can ensure that they do not fall behind.

For any questions or concerns you may have regarding your Senior Secondary students please email me at [Karen.Wilson@burdekincc.qld.edu.au](mailto:Karen.Wilson@burdekincc.qld.edu.au)

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Vocational education and training (VET) courses are available to students while they are still at school.

VET is learning which is directly related to work. These nationally recognised qualifications are developed by industry to give students the knowledge and skills they need to work in a specialised jobs. At Burdekin Christian College these are being undertaken as part of our students' school studies.

It is vitally important that students enrolled in these courses (Engineering Pathways through TAFE, Sport and Recreation through Binnacle etc.) are completing their weekly set homework and online module activities.



### **Key points that need to be noted:**

- You **MUST** attend class (even if they are online classrooms).
- Classes scheduled during periods of online learning will **NOT** be repeated face to face.
- You need to pass ALL competencies to complete a VET course.
- Many of the remaining competencies will be delivered via "Connect" (for TAFE) even though students have returned to normal classes.
- If you are having trouble, let your lecturer/teacher know and they will schedule a one on one tutorial session or "Connect" session (TAFE only) with you.

This is a difficult time and the transition to online learning was challenging, however many students are working hard and doing their best, and we look forward to seeing their learning progress as the year unfolds.

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



## ♥ Mother's Day Highlights ♥

A special thank you to the amazing efforts of our staff in planning, creating and wrapping all the High Tea gift boxes of delicious treats, for our wonderful mothers, grandmothers, carers and special women in the lives of our children. ♥



Some of our College mothers received their Mother's Day High Tea gifts by special personal delivery! There were lots of smiles from some very happy mothers to know how much their children love and appreciate them. ♥🌸



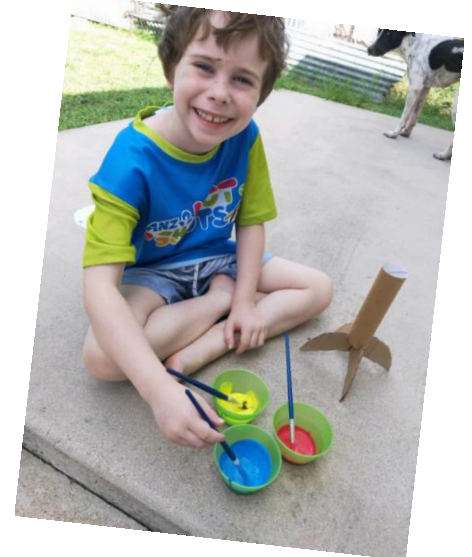
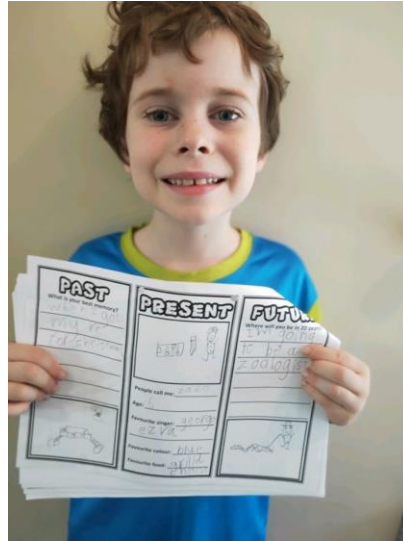
Congratulations to our winners of the BCC High Tea Lucky Door Prize. Our beautiful gift packs were claimed as follows: First prize - Karen Cornford; Third prize - Jodie Walters. As the second prize winning ticket was unclaimed, a re-draw of the ticket was drawn on Thursday 14 May. If you are the winner of lucky ticket Black D 04, please bring your ticket into the school Office to claim your prize. Thank you. 🎉







It has been great to see our students still sharing their learning from home experiences with us. Our clever students are demonstrating that learning can always be fun and creative no matter what the circumstances.





## SPORTS NEWS

With new developments each day, the HPE Department want to make certain our students are well catered for Sports and Recreation at Burdekin Christian College.



In Weeks 6 to 10, we have planned to have Basketball Training, provided by John Bonanno, and Soccer Training, given by our in house, 'Semi-professional Soccer Stars' Mr Chris Eadie and Mr Braedan Nemec for the Year 5 and 6 Students. The Sports Academy is held on Tuesday mornings and the students are improving significantly in their soccer skills. We are proud of our students' capabilities and their aspirations to develop their skills in sport.

We are hoping that in Term 3, Inter-school Sport will continue for the Year 5 and 6 Students, as I know they will be extremely excited to wear their new sportswear and demonstrate their skills gained at the upcoming training sessions. We are confirming with the department in charge of the local Inter-School Sport to see their position on recommencing Inter-school sport in the Burdekin.



The HPE Department is hoping next term will be the best yet, with some plans in place for an Athletics Carnival and Cross Country Carnival. The safety of our students and community is our main priority in terms of the current nature of sport.

A huge thank you to our students, their families and our staff who have been very patient with the current nature of change in sport in our community. We understand and know our students are very desperate to get back into action on the field in terms of sport.



**Braedan Nemec**  
*HPE Support Educator*





Recently the children at our Early Learning Centre worked on some gorgeous presents for our mums for Mother's Day. As the Kindergarten children have been talking about our environment recently, we decided to make something our mum's could watch grow.

The children painted their own recycled jars with lovely colours. We then filled their jars with soil and flower seeds. This was very exciting and they were super keen to take their little gift's home for their mums. We hope they grow into something amazing, just like us!

In the upcoming weeks, we will continue our learning on insects and our names in the Kindy room.



**Pamela Nash**  
*ELC Nominated Supervisor*



# WELCOME TO OUR SUPER CLASS

things that we are going to learn this term, like how to make fairy bread this is going to link in with our procedures unit.

## PREP

We were very pleased to have our prep students back in the classroom last week. We have done a bit of rearranging in the classroom and Mrs Downs and myself did some revamping of the reading corner. It was ready for some eager readers on Monday when our preps returned to school. We are hard at work and play, filling our days with counting, singing, writing and of course fun. We are looking forward to all the new



**Valerie Baptista**  
*Prep Teacher*

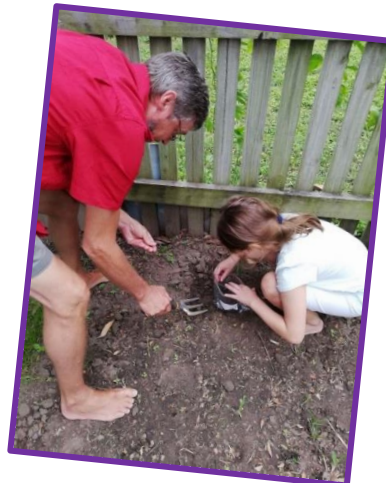


## YEAR TWO

The year 2 children have been learning about the stages of a flowering plant in Science. We placed a bean seed in a clip seal bag with a small amount of soil and water. We are hoping to see the bean seed germinate in the coming weeks and closely look at the shoot and roots. We can't wait to see photos of our friends learning from home planting their bean seed.



**Annette Stockdale**  
*Year 2 Teacher*



### ***YEAR 7 – Ancient China***

In this unit, students will be studying the physical features of China and how they influenced the civilisation that developed there.



They will also be looking at significant beliefs, values and practices of Chinese society, the roles of key groups in ancient Chinese society, the role of a significant individual and how they have been perceived by contemporaries and later historians.

### ***YEAR 8 – History – Medieval Europe***

In this unit, students will be looking at the way of life in medieval Europe, focusing on key social, cultural, economic and political features. They will also be studying the roles and relationships of different groups, continuity and change in crime and punishment, and the important role of the Catholic Church and its dominance in medieval society.



Significant developments such as the Crusades and individuals such as Richard the Lionheart and Saladin will also be investigated.

## **HUMANITIES AND SOCIAL SCIENCES (HASS)**

The humanities and social sciences are the study of human behaviour and interaction in social, cultural, environmental, economic and political contexts. The humanities and social sciences have a historical and contemporary focus, from personal to global contexts, and consider challenges for the future.

In Term 2, students will study the following key aspects:

### ***YEAR 9 – History – Making a Nation***

In this unit, students will be looking at reasons for the expansion of British settlement into Australia and the experiences of non-Europeans (including South Sea Islanders) in Australia prior to 1900. They will be investigating the living and working conditions around 1900, and how they were affected by the introduction of social legislation between 1901 and 1914.



### ***YEAR 10 – History – Rights and freedoms***

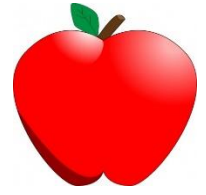
In this unit, students will be studying the origin and significance of human rights, as well as the background to the struggle of Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples for rights and freedoms before 1965 (i.e. the causes, effects and significance of the Stolen Generations). They will be investigating the methods used by civil rights activists to achieve change for Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples, and examine the significance of the United Nations Declaration of the Rights of Indigenous Peoples to Aboriginal peoples and Torres Strait Islander peoples.







# Meet Our Staff



*BCC welcomes Lawrence Zanella to our College. We are delighted he is joining the BCC team, bringing with him a wealth of experience across a wide range of subjects including experience at leadership level. In 2015 Mr Zanella was nominated for a well-deserved Diocesan nomination for Catholic Education week from his previous school. We welcome Lawrence and hope you will say hello to 'Mr Z' when you see him around the campus.*



## To Our Team!

*Burdekin Christian College welcomes Mrs Lisa Crowther as our new Year 6 Teacher. Mrs Crowther has 12 years teaching experience, most recently at St Andrew's Anglican College on the Sunshine Coast. She is also a talented athlete with a passion for marathons and has been the event manager for the Channel 7 Sunshine Coast Marathon, Brisbane Marathon Festival and the Channel 7 Cairns Marathon. Lisa has moved to the Burdekin with her husband and two beautiful children, so if you see them around please make them feel welcomed.*



## **BCC Second Hand Uniform Shop**

The BCC Second Hand Uniform Facebook Page is a Private Group which has been created for the BCC School Community. It is designed to help people buy and sell second hand uniforms.

All items must have a price on them. After your items have been sold, please delete your post.



Please do not put your private phone number or address details in the comments field, but rather send a private message to the seller if you are interested in purchasing items. Thank you.

## **Uniform Update**

- **Junior Sports Shirts** are available now in all sizes - \$40
- **Navy Sports Shorts** (Sizes 2 to 16, Small, Medium, Large) - \$20
- **Junior Formal Dresses** - \$65
- **Ties** - \$10
- **School Bags** - \$45
- **Bucket Hats** - \$20





# CHAPLAIN'S CORNER†



## Welcome

I would like to extend a warm welcome to our Kindy, Prep, Year 1, 11 and 12 students who returned last week. It's so good to see you again and I know that the staff were happy to see you too. It's great to be able to see each other in person again.



Welcome to our newest teacher Mr Zanella who is very much a local and comes with a wealth of teaching experience. We are blessed to have you here and trust you will enjoy your stay at BCC. Students please make him feel welcome too.

## Doing BCC Proud

Well done to our Youth Mayor, Emily Holmes in Year 9, who gave her perspective on the impact of COVID19 on her lifestyle. Can I encourage you all to look up the Burdekin Shire Council Website or their Facebook page, and listen to her words of wisdom? In this video, Emily shares some 'gems' on how to remain positive, such as making the most of our current situation by taking time to rest (self-time), relax, have a bath, make a cuppa, play some good music and de-stress.



I must say that I was very proud of the professional, cheerful and courteous manner in which one of our Year 11 students, Austin Murison, conducted himself while serving myself and a few other people I know, while doing his Traineeship in Hospitality Studies while working at KFC ("did someone say KFC?") All the best to you and our other TAFE students in your studies and gaining expertise in your chosen fields.

## The New Normal

Can I encourage you all to make the most of your time for the rest of this term/year and remember the College motto which is **CARE**. This is an apt acronym for:

*Courtesy*  
*Attitude*  
*Resilience*  
*Excellence*



which will develop *"Character, wisdom and discipline for tomorrow's leaders."*

God bless you all and let us all be **united** in making a positive difference in our school and wider community, for:

***"Where there is unity God commands a blessing."*** (Psalm 133, v. 1-3)

**Ps Gerry MacManus**  
*School Chaplain*

## Library News

### ★📖 REDGUM BOOK CLUB 📖★

We are participating in the Redgum Book Club Virtual Catalogue this term. Every order will earn resources and books for our school. Orders will leave the Redgum warehouse within two days, with **free delivery** right to your door step on orders over \$40. For orders under \$40 there is a \$6.50 delivery fee.

**ONLINE ORDERS CLOSE ... MONDAY 25 MAY**

Please open the following link to the current catalogue:

<https://www.redgumbookclub.com.au/browse/currentcatalog>

Thank you in advance for your ongoing support with our school book clubs.

## ALIA National Simultaneous Storytime 2020



National Simultaneous Storytime (NSS) is held annually by the Australian Library and Information Association (ALIA). Every year a picture book, written and illustrated by an Australian author and illustrator, is read simultaneously in libraries, schools, pre-schools, childcare centres, family homes, bookshops and many other places around the country.

Now in its 20th successful year, it is a colourful, vibrant, fun event that aims to promote the value of reading and literacy, using an Australian children's book that explores age-appropriate themes, and addresses key learning areas of the National Curriculum for Foundation to Year 6.

**BCC Prep to Year 6 students will head into the world of Whitney and Britney the Chicken Divas at the virtual event being held on Wednesday 27 May 2020, at 11:00am!**

### ABOUT THE BOOK

### Whitney and Britney Chicken Divas

"Whitney and Britney are two gorgeous chooks who live alongside Dora von Dooze. But Dora is perplexed - why do her dear chickens seem to sleep all day long? Dora decides to snoop. She follows the chooks out at night to the local jazz club where she discovers, to her amazement, that they are Whitney and Britney: **Chicken Divas!**"

Written and Illustrated by: Lucinda Gifford





*'Everyone is born with a measure of resiliency, and it can be nurtured or hindered by life situations'.*

*Resilience is a quality that helps us not only manage stress in our lives, but motivates and energizes us toward achieving our goals and living our dreams. It is the ability to 'bounce back' from difficult experiences. We can change the course for our children's lives and our own lives. Below are a few keys to foster resilience in all areas of life:*

**1. Teach them to nurture themselves:** developing the practice of nurturing ourselves can keep our mind and body not only calm, but prepare us to deal with whatever situations come our way. We can teach our children how to have quiet 'me-time' without earbuds or technology, so they can learn to care for themselves well and learn to connect with their emotions.

**2. Encourage them to cultivate a positive view of themselves:** developing confidence in our ability to solve problems and trusting our instincts helps build resilience. We can encourage our children in their ability to overcome, to solve problems and to figure things out without rushing to the rescue to figure out their problems for them.

**3. Help them learn to keep things in perspective:** even when facing challenges or painful situations, trying to view them within the broader context of our life and our faith can help avoid blowing the event out of proportion and keep our focus on what we can control. Helping our children see the big picture is significant. When every problem seems catastrophic, life begins to feel overwhelming and outside of their control. Eventually, they simply give up.

**4. Show them how to maintain a hopeful outlook:** having hope can change everything in life. Hope enables us to believe that good things will happen in our lives, to believe that God is at work, even in the midst of difficult circumstances. We can instill a hopeful outlook in our children by encouraging them to look beyond the immediate circumstances to discover the potential meaning or purpose in them.

**5. Model for them the importance of building relationships:** relationships with close family members, friends or others are important. While we all need alone-time, we were intentionally created for connection, so it's important to not isolate from others. Accepting help and support from those who care about you and will listen to you strengthens resilience. Encourage your children to get involved in your church, school, and community. Learning to serve others develops their ability to see outside of themselves and nurtures empathy and compassion for others.

**6. Help them accept that change is a part of living:** certain goals may not always be attainable as a result of adverse situations. We all have limitations and roadblocks, fair or not. Accepting circumstances that cannot be changed can help you focus on the steps you can alter and helps in looking for flexible alternatives.

**7. Empower them to move toward their goals:** when life seems unfair and we feel stuck, that is a great time to identify small steps we can take towards a goal and move forward. When faced with challenges it can be easy to detach and wish them away. Instead, we can encourage our children that taking steps, even small ones will build forward momentum toward achieving their goals.



**Rachel Cornelius**  
*Librarian, Student Wellbeing Officer*

## Welcome to the Non State Schools Transport Assistance Scheme (NSSTAS).



We provide financial assistance for families transporting students to non-state schools in Queensland.

### *How it Works - in 7 Steps*

1. Check your eligibility for either: [Bus or Ferry Assistance](#) OR [Students With Disability](#)
2. Make a note in your calendar to apply here each **May** (for travel January to June) / **October** (for travel July to December)
3. Pay for transport throughout the semester.
4. Keep your public transport receipts.
5. [Apply](#)
6. We calculate how much we can pay you.
7. We pay you by the end of August/January after you apply.

#### Bus or Ferry Assistance



Am I Eligible? ►

#### Students With Disability



Am I Eligible? ►



# NORTHERN REGION SCHOOL SPORT



## CROSS COUNTRY

@ HOME 2020

2KM: 10 YRS BOYS & GIRLS  
2KM: 10 – 12 YRS BOYS & GIRLS AWD  
3KM: 11, 12 & 13 YRS BOYS & GIRLS  
3KM: 13 - 19 YRS BOYS & GIRLS AWD  
4KM: 14 & 15 YRS BOYS & GIRLS  
4KM: 16 & 17 YRS GIRLS  
6KM: 16 & 17 YRS BOYS  
6KM: 18 & 19 YRS GIRLS  
8KM: 18 & 19 YRS BOYS

Download the nomination form online  
Use any app to record your run time/distance  
Submit by emailing:  
[admin.northernsport@qed.qld.gov.au](mailto:admin.northernsport@qed.qld.gov.au)  
Nominations must be received  
by June 2, 2020  
<https://northernsport.eq.edu.au/>

# NORTHERN REGION SCHOOL SPORT



## CROSS COUNTRY@ HOME 2020

### Nomination Form

Student Name : \_\_\_\_\_

School: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Gender: \_\_\_\_\_

(Note: This activity is 'year of birth', whatever age you will be on 31<sup>st</sup> December, 2020 is your age group)

Event (please select)			
2km: 10yrs Boys & Girls	<input type="checkbox"/>	4km: 15yrs Boys & Girls	<input type="checkbox"/>
2km: 10-12yrs AWD Boys & Girls	<input type="checkbox"/>	6km: 16yrs Boys	<input type="checkbox"/>
3km: 11yrs Boys & Girls	<input type="checkbox"/>	4km: 16yrs Girls	<input type="checkbox"/>
3km: 12yrs Boys & Girls	<input type="checkbox"/>	6km: 17yrs Boys	<input type="checkbox"/>
3km: 13yrs Boys & Girls	<input type="checkbox"/>	4km: 17yrs Girls	<input type="checkbox"/>
3km: 13-19yrs AWD Boys & Girls	<input type="checkbox"/>	8km: 18 & 19yrs Boys	<input type="checkbox"/>
4km: 14yrs Boys & Girls	<input type="checkbox"/>	6km: 18 & 19yrs Girls	<input type="checkbox"/>

Time: \_\_\_\_\_

Date Ran: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

*If possible, please submit screen shot to verify your run.*

Nominations must be emailed to;  
[admin.northernsport@qed.qld.gov.au](mailto:admin.northernsport@qed.qld.gov.au)  
by June 2, 2020

Results to be posted on Northern School Sport website;  
<https://northernsport.eq.edu.au/>

