Burdekin Christian College NEWSLETTER

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Term 1, Issue No 1 - 2020

Debra Creed
College Principal

Proverbs 22:6 "Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it".

I am so pleased with the way our students at Burdekin Christian College have started the New Year. They have come back with determination and focus to make this an amazing year. Behaviour has been excellent. The enthusiasm our students are demonstrating for our myriad of activities has been exciting too. A special welcome must go to all our new families and beautiful new Prep cohort who have been such a valued addition to BCC.

It was definitely 'Rain, rain, go away' last week with the flash flooding in Ayr and even my Office received a drenching. Thanks to all the hard work from the Office Staff, Cleaner and Facilities Manager we are now back on track. Thank you to all the families for your understanding and support when we closed on Tuesday and thank you to our amazing staff who braved the downpour in the carpark to notify families that had arrived.

Although our start to the Term was busy, it will get busier as the weeks move along. Auditions are about to start for Dramafest which will be held in Week 9 this year at the Burdekin Theatre. Interested thespians should definitely ensure they try out as we welcome all students to take part. Our wonderful Miss Slatcher is already back to thrill and motivate our dedicated dance students. Please note that students from Prep to Year 2 are welcome to attend our new 'Early Years Dance' Lessons every Tuesday after morning tea, just notify the Office of your child/ren's interest. Our new academy program for upper primary students also starts next week so please ensure that your child/ren have returned their forms selecting either STEM, Arts or Sports Academy.

Once again we have expanded our subject options for students and this year are pleased to announce we are offering Early Childhood Studies, Agricultural Science, Media Studies, Legal Studies and Psychology, just to name a few of the new choices. Inter-school sport for Years 5 and 6 commences soon with Rugby and Netball as the options for Term 1. Mr Eadie will also be taking our interested Futsal students to a tournament in Townsville this Term. This is just a small taste of what is on offer this year at our College thanks to the dedication of our magnificent staff. If you didn't get the opportunity to attend the Parent Information Evening on Wednesday, please make sure you take the time to meet your child/ren's teacher and say hello to our newest members of staff when you see them around the campus.

I have so much pride and admiration for every student that attended the College Swimming Carnival on Tuesday. The spirit of what I call 'friendly competition' was on display. At Wimbledon above the doors on center court there is a quote - "If you can meet with Triumph and Disaster and treat those two impostors just the same". It celebrates those who keep the same good sportsmanship and attitude whether they win or lose. It was wonderful to see this in practice at the Swimming Carnival as every student's performance goal needs to their personal best, separate from the outcome of the contest or what an opponent may do. I was equally impressed by every student that participated whether they won or lost as they were willing to try their best. I hope to see this attitude in everything they attempt at school this year – academic, sports and cultural pursuits. Finally, the behaviour on the day was very impressive as we saw students following the rules and demonstrating beautiful manners. In **2 Timothy 2:5** it says "Similarly, if anyone competes as an athlete, he does not receive the victor's crown unless he competes according to the rules." Well done BCC, we look forward to seeing our students participate in the Webber Shield on Tuesday, 11 February 2020, with the same good sportsmanship!

Congratulations to the entire community for our great start to a new decade.

From the Dean's desk

James Pacey
Dean of Curriculum, Innovation and Student Futures

BCC is proud to announce that Mrs Karen Wilson has been selected for a scholarship with the Advanced Leadership Program by the National Excellence in School Leadership Institute in 2020.

Please join with us in celebrating this great achievement by our wonderful Dean of Curriculum and Administration. Congratulations Mrs Wilson!

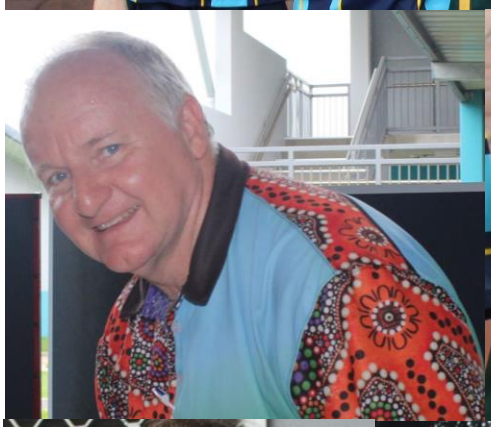
Assessment calendars will be distributed next week.

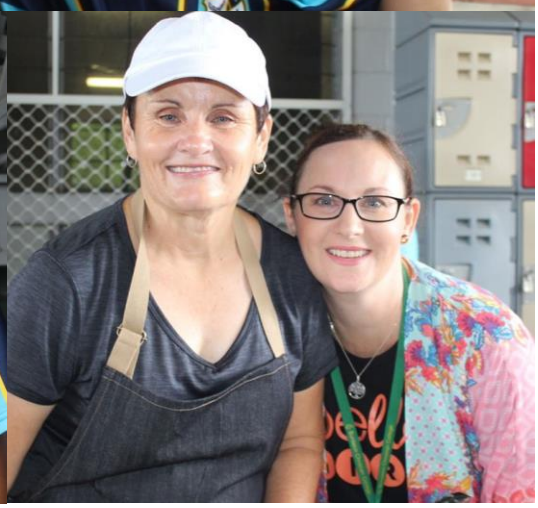
Ice-cream Stall Fundraiser

On Friday 31 January our Senior Leaders did a great job today running a delicious Ice-cream Stall. Thanks to their hard work and the students' enthusiastic response to the stall, BCC raised $295.60 to support victims of the recent bushfires. Well done students!

Sausage Sizzle

Thank you to all our special volunteers who came to help run our 'Welcome Sausage Sizzle' last week, we are so very grateful. There were many smiles on the students' faces and the sausages were absolutely delicious!





STUDENT LEADERSHIP

Student Leaders 2020

Congratulations to our new student leaders, Junior and Senior School of 2020. On Thursday 30 January, they committed to supporting and leading their peers at the College Leadership Induction Ceremony.

Our College Community joined in prayer for these students after listening to an important message on leadership, sacrifice and team work. We look forward to a wonderful year with these student role models leading our youth.

Beauty and the Beast Production

We are very excited that our very own Mr David Lequerica will be performing in the Burdekin Singers & Theatre Company's upcoming production of 'Beauty and the Beast'. Make sure you buy your tickets soon before they sell out. We are immensely proud to have such a talented member of staff who inspires the students to embrace their dramatic talents and become active learners! We are looking forward to seeing you on stage!

SPORTS NEWS

Jayne Orchard *(HPE Teacher)*

Congratulations to everyone involved in BCC Swimming Carnival. It was a fabulous day filled with fun and a spirit of very friendly competition. It is days like this that make it so special to be part of the BCC Community. A special thank you goes to the organisers, MC and all the brave staff who took part (and won) the teacher/student relay. Congratulations to all our age champions for daring to try and showing great determination to win. Next stop - the Webber Shield Competition! Go BCC!!

TAFE COURSES

TAFE courses have started! Our students that are enrolled in Certificate II of Engineering Pathways have now completed their induction and are definitely 'trade' ready. 🔧🔨⚒⚙🔩

ELC News & Events

Over the Christmas Holiday Break the Vacation Care children at Burdekin Christian College enjoyed a variety of different fun and engaging activities. Children were treated to a trip to the local pool where they showed off their swimming abilities and had lots of fun splashing around outdoors.

A trip to Anzac park saw the children run off oodles of energy as they investigated all the fun playground equipment. We finished off with a picnic for lunch.

The Museum of Tropical North Queensland was very interesting and enjoyed by everyone as we explored the exciting roles of what it would be like to be a Rescuer. Children flew in a Helicopter simulator and got a bird's view of a rescue scene, navigated a Jet Ski, tested out fire extinguishers and tackled a vertical climbing wall.

Over the break the Vacation Care children tested out their cooking abilities and became their very own Master Chefs by creating their very own menu. This was followed by a trip to the local Supermarket to purchase all the ingredients needed to create our amazing and delicious 3 course meal.

On the last day of the holiday break we took a trip to the World's largest living coral reef aquarium Reef HQ in Townsville.
We were joined by a friendly tour guide who shared his knowledge and passion for the sea creatures and the reef. It was a very educational and interesting experience and the children had lots of questions. The children immersed themselves in the underwater viewing tunnel, explored the touch tanks, held a starfish and a shark's egg and visited the Turtle Hospital where sick and injured turtles are cared for.

ELC PARKING ONLY car park bays are for ELC parents ONLY!

Drop off and pick up times get very congested and the ELC parents are not able to park and pick up their littlies up. This leaves our children vulnerable to the business of the school traffic. ELC parents who have children up at the College to collect, can you please limit this to 5 minutes. Thank you ☺

PREP CLASS 2020

Mrs Downs and I were blessed to welcome our new special prep boys and girls last Wednesday.
We had many happy and smiley faces all eager to get on with the start of the new school year. Our days are very busy and full. The boys and girls are learning so much every day and we are very proud of our preppies and how they are settling into their new routine. The boys and girls even got to participate in Music and HPE lessons last Thursday. We are looking forward to many more days filled to the brim with fun activities. They say a picture is worth a thousand words, so feel free to come and have a look and see what we have been busy doing in our prep classroom.

Valerie Baptista
Prep Teacher

Welcome to Year 4

Our first two weeks have been full of fun, getting to know one another and some revision to refresh our brains! We have been taking part in team building activities, working together to solve design problems, such as making a tower out of paper and tape! We have been consolidating our math's through revision of our number operations and have been working on up levelling our English work using adjectives and adverbs to make our work more interesting.

Nicole Muirhead
Year 4 Teacher

The year 7 to 10 Science classes have started well, with students revisiting safety protocols in the laboratory and expectations with regards to their Science journals and homework. Please check that your student is doing homework which will be given Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

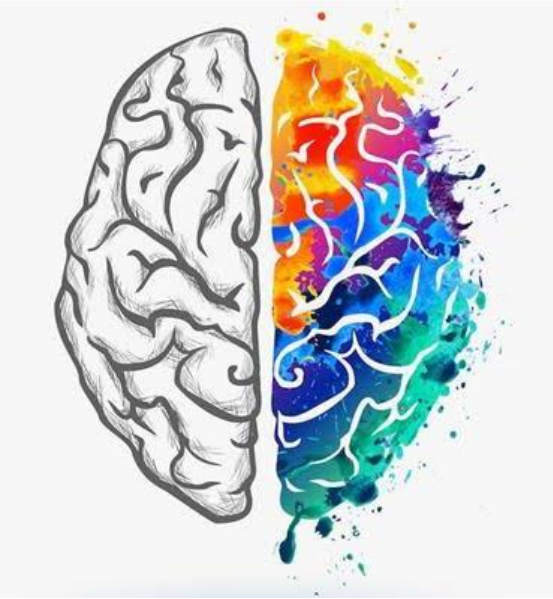
The year 7 students are studying two units, working in the Laboratory and Living Things this term while the year 8 students are studying three units Science at Work, Chemical Reactions and Particles.

With the year 9, they will be looking at: Science is Investigating, Living with Microbes and Ecosystems and the year 10 students are starting with Investigating Reactions and then Explaining Reactions.

All students will be involved in practical work each week. So far the year 10's have made silly putty and looked at how temperature effects the rate of a reaction. Year 9 have looked at how a load on a spring effects its extension. Year 8 have made a bridge out of folded paper and tested it to see how much weight it can hold and the year 7's can recognise the pieces of laboratory equipment by name and next week will be getting their Bunsen burner licence.

Sandra Fowler
Maths and Science Teacher

Psychology is an important part of being human, and we use it every day in our interactions with each other. It can be a powerful tool for students to use to improve themselves. Psychology is both a science and a profession, devoted to understanding how people think, feel, behave and learn.



This semester, students will be looking deeply into the brain, how it functions and how it affects our everyday lives. Students will look at how the brain changes over the course of our lives and discover what consciousness is. Where does out brain end and our mind begin? Is the mind separate from our bodies or are they one and the same?

In this subject students will be creating their own experiment, where they will conduct a sleep study, and see how sleep impacts their mental health and their ability to function and their potential. Students will have the opportunity to see psychology in action as they learn about the potential careers they can obtain through further tertiary study.

This is an exciting opportunity for Year 11 students, as we are one of the few schools offering this subject in North Queensland.

GOOGLE IN THE CLASSROOM

Google Classroom is everything you have been searching for. It is a free platform that is being used to implement our Year 11 and 12 subjects at Burdekin Christian College. Jobs, University and life are becoming more and more online, and to bring our classrooms into the 21st century, Google Classroom will be used as an online resource and organiser.

Each class will have its own unique Google Classroom platform with the subject teacher in charge of what content is placed on it.

Students will be able to access their PowerPoints, Worksheets and other classroom activities from this platform. Homework will be issued, monitored and tracked with reminders given for due dates, in order to help students, become organised. As parents, you will also be able to see what teachers are expecting students to do for their homework and study and when upcoming assignments are due.

Burdekin Christian College expects students in Years 7 - 12 to be doing 3 hours of homework every day. Examples of what students need to be completing include finishing assessment pieces, doing set homework, reading their textbooks, writing summary sheets, reading over class notes, re-reading the PowerPoints, working on their Revision Folders and creating study flash cards is available through Google Classroom.

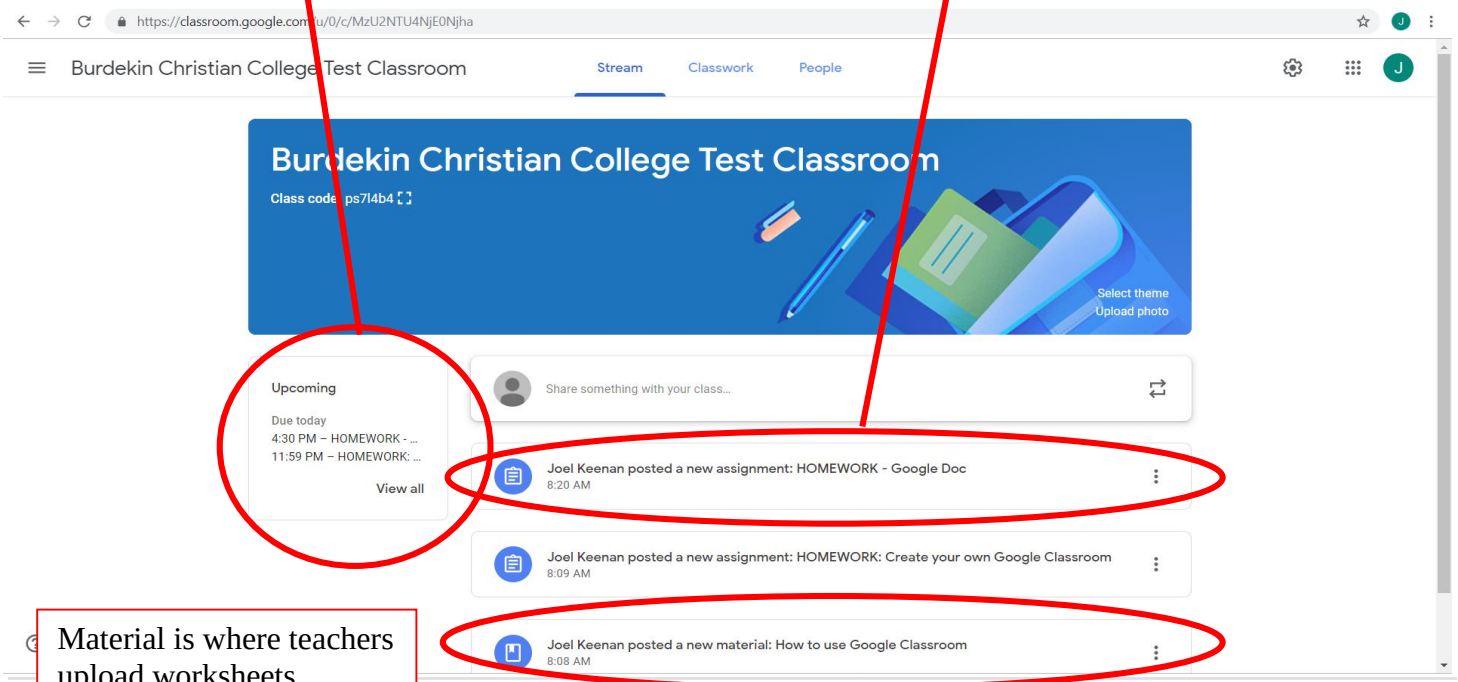
Joel Keenan

Senior Teaching and Learning Coordinator and Head of Senior Science

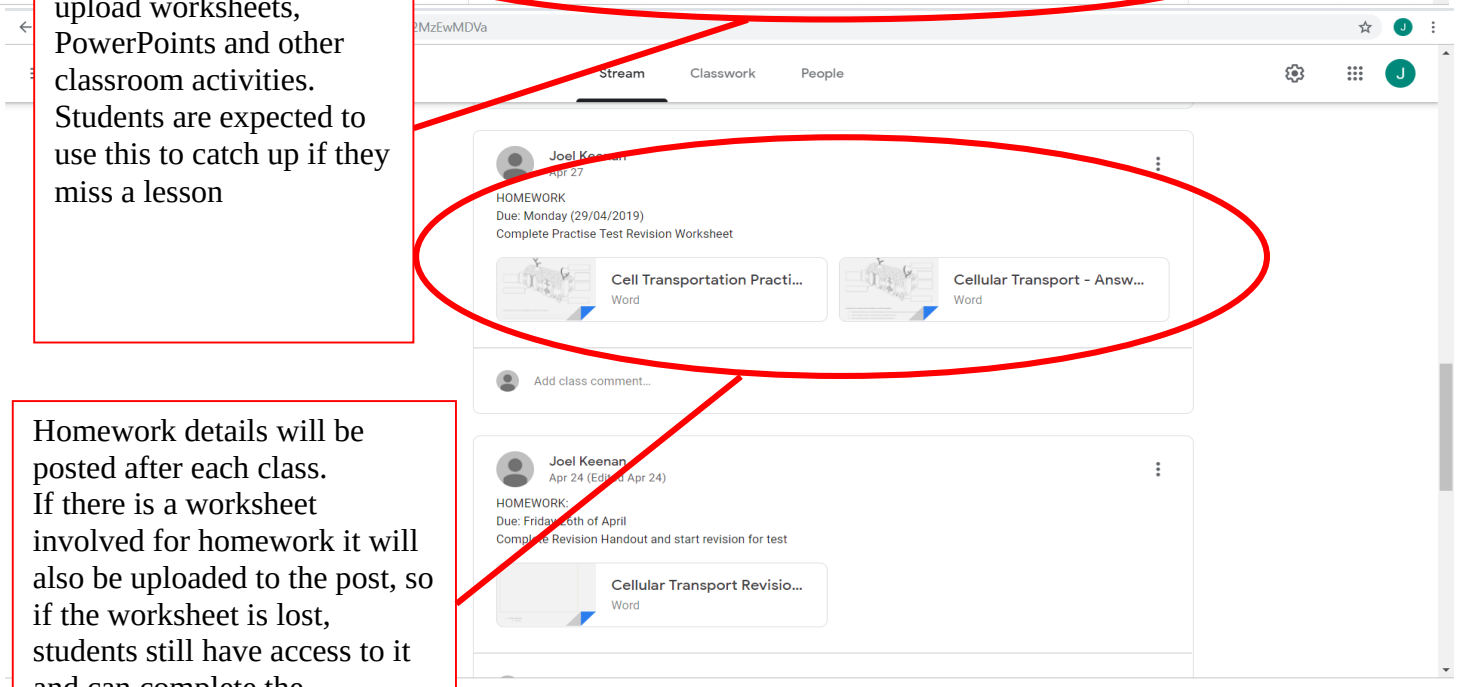
GOOGLE IN THE CLASSROOM SAMPLE:

This is where the due dates for upcoming homework and assessments will be found.
It shows what is due in the upcoming 7 days.

Assignments will be posted on here also. Details of the assignment will be found here so students can access it at home. Some subjects will require that their assessments are uploaded to the Google Classroom for marking.



Material is where teachers upload worksheets, PowerPoints and other classroom activities. Students are expected to use this to catch up if they miss a lesson



Homework details will be posted after each class.
If there is a worksheet involved for homework it will also be uploaded to the post, so if the worksheet is lost, students still have access to it and can complete the important learning.

Meet Our Staff

Burdekin Christian College

Staff Profile

Marlene Bokma - Mathematics Teacher

What is one of your hidden talents?

I love dabbling in art and craft. I enjoy painting watercolours and acrylics; these don't always go according to plan, but I always have fun during the creative process.

What would the students be surprised to find out about you?

I was born and grew up in Southern Africa, and love going on safaris to see African wildlife.

What would your last meal be?

Pepper steak with chips and salad. I would finish off with coffee and chocolate!

Is there a quote or saying that you live your life by?

This comes from Psalm 139, which is really meaningful to my family:
"If I take the wings of the morning and dwell in the uttermost parts of sea, even there your hand shall lead me, and your right hand shall hold me."

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Staff Profile

Nicole Muirhead - Year Four Teacher

What makes a good day at school?

A good day at school is one in which everyone is happy! As a teacher, nothing brings me more joy than having happy students.

If you could pass on any wisdom to your students, what would you share?

Be kind always! I believe we should always treat others as we would like to be treated.

What do you think your students will remember about you?

That I care. I care about the happiness, wellbeing and progress of all my students.

If you could take the students on a field trip to anywhere in the world, where would you take them?

Scotland! I would love to show off my beautiful homeland and our unique culture.

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CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Pastor Gerry MacManus
School Chaplain

Welcome to all our staff and students as we embark on this journey in 2020. My prayer is that it will be a blessed year in many ways, academically, culturally, developing friendships, sportingly & most importantly, spiritually. Let us all work together to ensure that we give it the best in whatever we undertake here at Burdekin Christian College. As the Bible says: ***"Where there is unity, there God commands a blessing."*** God bless you & your families richly this year.

Chaplaincy Lunches

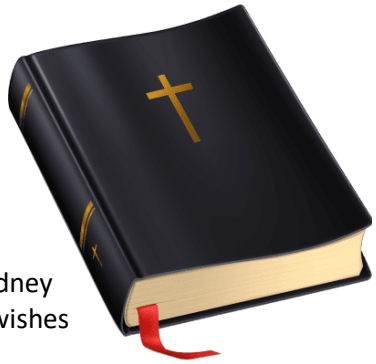
This began last week with a sausage sizzle, this week we had curry sausages, chicken & beef mince with toast. Next week the plan is to have bacon & eggs with bread. Thanks to our enthusiastic helpers & to our students with very healthy appetites. Pancakes with jam are also planned – watch this space. For the benefit of our new students & staff, this is held on a Thursday at first break i.e. 10:40 a.m.

Swimming Carnival

A big thank you to Ms Jayne Orchard & her merry band of helpers who did such a great job, and to all the students & staff who took part in the swimming & novelty events. It was so good to see our students participating in a spirit of healthy competition, raising their voices with their war cries. Congratulations to all of you for taking part & showcasing such wonderful behaviour, as expected here at BCC. Well done to all the age champions & to the winning team David & the runners up, Jonathan.

Gardening Club

Next week, I plan to launch into our gardening season, weather permitting, on a Tuesday during first break. The plan is to grow foliage plants for our school gardens & potted colour at the ELC along with colourful flowering plants & a selection of salad vegetables & herbs that can be used in the tuckshop & for the Hospitality module. I'm looking forward to meeting our budding gardening enthusiasts.



Pray for Noah

Let us continue to uphold Noah & his family in prayer. Noah has successfully received a kidney transplant & continues to recuperate at the Ronald McDonald House. Our prayers & well wishes are with him, and we hope in the near future he will be back here at school.

Library News

Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child is a unique project of Samaritan's Purse that brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoeboxes. It provides an opportunity for people of all ages to be involved in a simple but hands-on project that has the power to transform children's lives.

This year will be the 3rd year that BCC has been involved with Operation Christmas Child and we are doing things a bit differently this year. Instead of items being donated over a 6-week period in term 3 (as previous years), we are encouraging families to please be involved by donating items listed in the 'Items for Donation' table below each month.

It will be wonderful to see our school community embrace this outreach project and get excited about helping others!

It has been asked that all items be ***new*** and not preloved, because these are special gifts for children who have never received anything like this before. You may also like to include a "Let's be Friends!" worksheet to send along with your items which is available on the website: www.operationchristmaschild.org.au. Thank you so much! ☺

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

ITEM DONATIONS BY MONTH FOR 2020

SCHOOL SUPPLIES Notebooks, pencils, pencil case, pens, colouring pencils, sharpener, eraser, chalk	**SOMETHING TO LOVE** Teddy Bear, doll, soft toy (Small enough to fit inside a shoebox)
CLOTHING T-Shirts, underwear, socks, shoes, thongs	**HYGIENE ITEMS** Toothbrushes, soap and face washer, hairbrushes, combs
TOYS & GAMES Skipping ropes, balls, cars, puzzles, slinky, yo-yo, marbles, musical instrument, finger puppets, stickers	**ACCESSORIES** Scrunchies, hair clips, hair ties, jewellery, sunglasses, watches
QUALITY CRAFTS Sewing Kits, fishing kits, tool box items	**WINTER ITEMS** Hats, beanies, scarves, gloves
DISHWARE Cups, small plates, bowls, cutlery	**LETTER & PHOTO** A personal note, letter, photo of yourself
$10 DONATION This helps cover the cost for freight, shipping and handling.	**PRAYER** Pray for the child who will receive your box.

PROHIBITED ITEMS:

ITEMS THAT LEAK OR MELT: toothpaste, shampoo, bubble bath, crayons, play dough.

FOOD OR LOLLIES: including medicines and vitamins.

USED OR DAMAGED ITEMS: including worn clothing or old toys.

BREAKABLE ITEMS: Including glass, porcelain and mirrors.

ITEMS THAT CAN SCARE OR HARM A CHILD: including Halloween, war or pirate-related items such as toy guns, knives, military figures or skull and crossbones.

GAMBLING-RELATED ITEMS: including play money, playing cards and dominoes.

RELIGIOUS LITERATURE: including tracts and Bibles.

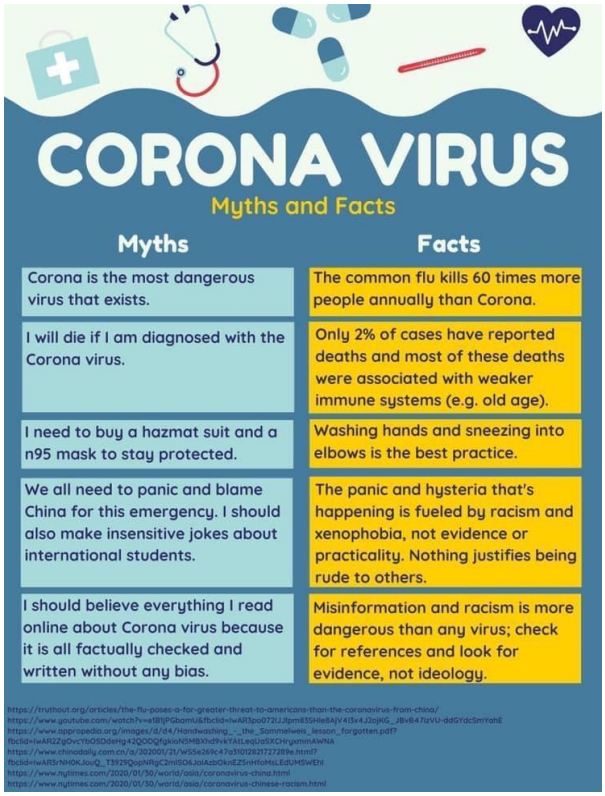
Book Club

One of the best gifts any parent/carer can give a child is the love of books and the joy and benefits of independent reading for fun. Children who read at home, or are read to, have a head start on reading success in school.
BCC will continue participating in Scholastic Book Club this year. Twice a term the Book Club Catalogue will be sent home with a different selection of books offered for all ages (some books cost as little as $2).

The Book Club LOOP platform for parents allows you to pay by credit card. You can place your child's order at scholastic.com.au/loop or by using the LOOP App (which can be downloaded from the App Store or Google Play). Alternatively, Order Forms (on the last page of the catalogue) and monies can be handed into BCC Office.
Each order helps earn free books and teaching materials for our College; however, there is no obligation to order. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me on 4783 5552.

ORDERS DUE BY:
FRIDAY 14TH FEBRUARY

Rachel Cornelius
Librarian



Corona Virus

As you would be aware, the Australian Government has announced new measures that specifically address travel restrictions from mainland China. While there remains a very low risk of transmission in Australia, these preventative measures are being instigated in the interest of public health. We do not expect that these travel restrictions will have any major impact on our school operations.

As always, the health and wellbeing of our students remains our number one priority and I would ask that you remain alert to your child's/children's wellbeing during this time. We distributed a fact sheet on Coronavirus last week to all families (spare copies are held at the Office should you require one), further updates and information are available on the Queensland Health website.

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Term 1 - 2020

FRIDAY NIGHTS @ BURDEKIN COMMUNITY CHURCH

6.30pm-8.30pm

$2 ENTRY FEE

31/1	EXTREME CAMP REUNION	Extreme Camp Reunion – All youth who attended Extreme camp in 2019 are invited to attend an Extreme Camp reunion pizza and pool party at Chappy Jennie's place. Stay turned for more details.
7/2	HANG OUT!	Hang Out Night – Come and play a variety of board or ball games, or just chill with your mates. Try basketball, handball, table tennis, pool, uno, twister and more.
14/2	BATTLE OF THE SEXES	Battle of the Sexes Night – It's boys against girls night. Who will win?
21/2	TRIVIA Night	Trivia Night – Get your teams together for your chance to win some great prizes.
28/2	HANG OUT!	Hang Out Night – Come and play a variety of board or ball games, or just chill with your mates. Try basketball, handball, table tennis, pool, uno, twister and more.
6/3	ywam townsville	YWAM night – The team from Youth With A Mission in Townsville are coming to hang with us for the night. Come and play some games and get to know them better.
13/3	ICE SKATING	Ice Skating night – Get your warm clothes on. We're going ice skating in Townsville.
20/3	HANG OUT!	Hang Out Night - Special guest speaker Ana Boland will be joining us tonight to give us a special message. This will be followed by a Hang out night and chance to ask Ana any questions.
27/3		Chocolate Night. Chocolate, chocolate and more chocolate!

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NQYAC

4-9 APRIL 2020

APPLY NOW

The North Queensland Young Artist Camp or NQ YAC, will host young people aged 13 to 17 years from across the region.

Covering a variety of artforms including Circus, Dance, Drama, Song Writing, Technical Production and Visual Arts , NQ YAC will take place in Charters Towers from the 4th to the 9th of April 2020.

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Term Dates 2020

Term 1 - 28 January - 3 April

Term 2 - 20 April - 19 June

Term 3 - 13 July - 18 September

Term 4 - 6 October - 4 December

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