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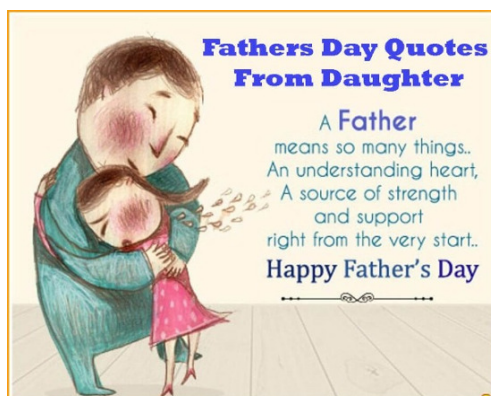


11 September 2020

Principal's Message



Last Sunday, we celebrated Fathers' Day. Our school's Josephite tradition acknowledges the importance of a father figure in the lives of young people. The figure of St Joseph in the life of Jesus is an interesting one. We know from scripture that Jesus would have worked in his workshop as a young boy and was supported and nurtured to become a strong and wise man. Thank you to all of the fathers and carers in our community for the guidance that you provide. We hope that you had a special family day.



On Wednesday evening, our Year 12s had their senior formal. It was an evening of celebration as they engaged in trivia and enjoyed gathering for a special meal in what has been the most unusual of years. The girls are also sitting Trial exams and we wish them every success as they engage in this important preparation process for the external exams beginning on October 26.

Significantly, too, our Year 11s have begun their preparations for senior leadership. As they continue their preparations, I offer a reflection about Pope Francis and his engagement with leading the Catholic Church.

Within minutes of his election, he dispensed with tradition and passed over the mozzetta (traditional red cape) and the red footwear that has long been famously associated with popes.

I imagine that Pope Francis was recalling his role as a Jesuit seminary instructor. He was renowned for sending seminarians out on weekends to the poor barrios. On their return, he would look at their boots. If there was dust on their shoes, he knew that they had been of service to the community. The Jesuits are well known for their academic bent – but Francis reminds us that heart – VALUING PEOPLE, especially in their vulnerability – must be central to our decision making.

As a Catholic School, the core Gospel values of

- Compassion
- Justice
- Service, and
- Integrity

Must inform who we are, how we make decisions, and how we lead: indeed, it is our backbone – with all that represents (bravery and courage). Pope Francis declares that “authentic leadership is service”.

**Shalom,
Paula Goodwin
Principal**

Teaching and Learning

The completion of Term 3 marks several key events in the academic calendar.

The assessment completed by our Year 12 students has been submitted to QCAA for their final confirmation and students will receive their confirmed grades early in Term Four. Due to COVID disruptions, IA3 (Internal Assessment 3) was cancelled

and the points reserved for this assessment item, will be distributed to the two previous items (IA1 and IA2) according to a formula implemented by the QCAA. At this time, they are completing their Trial Assessments under the same conditions as expected in the External Exams in October. Until the External Exams, it is full-steam ahead with revision and exam preparation.

At the end of this term, our Year 11 students will have completed the requirements for Unit 2 and, where applicable, will begin their Unit Three work in Term Four. Assessments in Unit Three directly contribute to their ATAR calculations for the end of Year 12. Unlike in previous years, the new QCE system requires assessment to be endorsed months before it is administered. I would like to thank the staff for diligently completing the series of tasks associated with this process which assures all stakeholders that we are providing our students with valid, accessible and reliable assessment instruments. With this in mind, if your daughter is considering changing subjects, this process needs to occur as early into Term Four as possible.

Over the past two weeks, our Year 10 students completed their Senior Education and Training plans (SET-P) in preparation for 2021. Thank you to the staff, parents and students who gave of their time in order for this process to happen. The plans will be reviewed to ensure they are complete and reflect the best interest of the student. As was discussed at the interviews, changes are accommodated after these discussions: please do not hesitate to contact me via email should any adjustments be requested. While changing subjects during Year 11 is possible, it is not ideal: it is better to begin Year 11 in an appropriate subject to ensure sufficient points towards a QCE are obtained.

In line with Brisbane Catholic Education's Excellent Teaching and Learning strategies, all students in Years 7 to 10 have recently completed Progressive Achievement Tests (PAT) in Reading and Mathematics. These are online tests designed to assess skills described in the Australian Curriculum. The results of these are one tool available to our teachers to ensure the curriculum promotes continuous improvement of student outcomes.

Recently, we have contacted every parent to determine their availability to collect their daughter in case of a COVID shutdown of the school being required by health authorities. While we hope that this will never be a plan that is needed, recent news of a school in Ipswich being shut down highlights the necessity for these preparations. Activities such as this highlight the importance of parent responses to our "Parent Slips" communication system, which hosts our legal permission forms for excursions and sporting representation, information gathering for activities, and any other event where legal permission must be stored for quite a number of years.

Term Four promises to be full and event-filled as we move to different timing for some of our more traditional activities; some driven by the new QCE system timing changes and some driven by COVID catchup. Hopefully, students will have the opportunity for a well-deserved break so that they return refreshed to commendably finish the year.

Have a good break

Anthony Stevens
Deputy Principal
Teaching and Learning

Community Matters

Last week, the Year 11 students participated in a presentation that explored their relationship with their Money Whisperer and the impact this has on their financial control. Using interactive technology, students took time to evaluate some of their current financial behaviours, what it means to be a conscious spender and the role their 'inner voice' (the Money Whisperer) may be playing. Strategies for managing their Money Whisperer will be explored to empower students to make positive financial decisions which consider the bigger picture of their lives.

RACQ – Cash IQ – Cut the Cord

Our Year 12 students engaged in a presentation that explored the connection between financial control, personal relationships, and goals. Students were introduced to the Golden Triangle of Happiness. Modern society presents numerous challenges to maintaining balance, so students worked through interactive financial dilemmas and evaluated the impact of their choices on their happiness. Throughout the session students were involved in developing strategies to empower them to exhibit positive financial behaviours to make responsible financial decisions now and into their future.

Thank you to Bianca Johnston, our Year 11/12 Pastoral Leader for organising these valuable RACQ programs for our Senior students.

Cyber Safety Presentation

Tricia Munn from Eyes Open Social Media Safety visited OLC last week to provide Part 1 of a Cyber Safety Presentation to our Year 7, 8 and 9 students in the hall. She discussed cyber safety risks and dangers as well as focusing on improving security when using social media sites and managing challenges when in the online space. Tricia will be back next week for Part 2, a hands-on workshop about privacy and security settings.

Senior Formal

Last night I had the pleasure of attending the Year 12 Formal. I would like to thank Bianca Johnson, our Yr 11/12 Pastoral Leader for her organisation of the evening – especially her ability to tenaciously deliver some entertaining activities for students and staff to enjoy. All the students were dressed beautifully and should be commended on their behaviour during the evening. It really was a lovely way to come together and celebrate the end of Term 3 for our Year 12s and welcome the last term of their time in school.



Community Service Project

The Year 7 and 8 students are busy with their various fundraising initiatives this week, such as donating money and items, running raffles and activities, spiders, drinks and sausage sizzle for the College community to enjoy and support. These events are only successful with the support from our students, parents, teachers, and College community. Thank you to Anita Macknish and the Year 7 and 8 Pastoral Care Team for their dedication to the Community Service Project in support of the MacKillop Gate Ministry.

Tina Ellis
Assistant Principal
Student Wellbeing

In the Tradition

Group Photo Day October 7

Next term on Wednesday October 7, photos will be taken of sporting and cultural groups. This will include sporting teams, musical ensembles, dance groups, social justice groups and a Year 12 photo. As per the last photo day, students will be emailed a schedule and instructions about the venue and what to wear.

Year 11 Leadership Days

On September 16-18 Year 11 students will undertake a mandatory three-day leadership program to replace their Leadership Retreat. The focus of the program is to prepare the students for being seniors in 2021. The Wednesday session will include the presentation of leadership speeches in the afternoon. An external provider, YLead, will facilitate activities on the Thursday. Friday will include time to create the pledge for 2021. The days will be of great value to the students in developing their own skills as well as a sense of unity.

Year 12 Reflection Day

On Thursday October 8 Year 12 students will have their annual Reflection Day. The day will be led by Michael Fitzpatrick who worked with the girls at their leadership retreat last year. Michael will use the theme "Rite of Passage" to explore themes relevant for the students at this time. It is an expectation that all students attend.

Catholic Campaign

The Catholic Campaign is an annual appeal that collects funds for groups such as Centacare and the Mary MacKillop

Foundation. The Mary MacKillop Foundation provides essential funds for students to enable them to complete their studies. Centacare is currently providing much needed support for Brisbane families in crisis. Donations can be given via catholicfoundation.ord.au.

Week 1:

	
	<p>Supporting those in need through Centacare</p> <p>For most of us, the idea of being homeless is inconceivable. With friends, support networks and families to catch us when we fall, we know that should the worst happen, we have a safety net of loved ones in place.</p> <p>But for thousands of people in our local community the loss of security, the fear of not knowing where to turn next, and the grief of not being able to provide a home for their children is very real.</p> <p>Our School is raising much needed funds to provide services like crisis accommodation and would make a big difference. To secure more houses, to offer counselling and support, to provide food and necessities for people who desperately need it.</p>
	<p>Catholicfoundation.org.au/centacare</p>

Linda Brandenburg
Assistant Principal
Faith and Mission



Campus Minister

Season of creation

On September 1 we began the Season of Creation, an annual Christian celebration of prayer and action to protect creation which runs until October 4, the Feast of St. Francis, who is the patron saint of ecology in many traditions.

During this season we are asked to consider how we each help honour and protect creation for the benefit of all. The Social Justice Committee marked the season with Green Day last week, selling products to raise awareness and support efforts to reduce, reuse and recycle.



Prayers please

This week, September 8, marked the birthday of Our Lady, Mary our Mother. We pray that we always find in Mary an attentive mother and a sure help in our needs.

As we have just celebrated Fathers' Day, let's also remember our dads in prayer and ask God to bless them as they embrace the unique role they have in our families.

Blessings,

Kay Holmes
Campus Minister

Important notice – Park Ridge Transit

From Tuesday the 6 October 2020 Park Ridge Transit will change the way that they display school route numbers on the destination signs.

Numbers will be displayed as per the route number on the TransLink website for TransLink services.

This means, am school services will be prefixed with 60__ and pm school services will be prefixed with 61__for Translink services.

For example: Instead of displaying "School Bus 33" we will now display "School Bus 6033" for the am and "School Bus 6133" for the pm.

Services from Cedar Grove (W services) will now display a prefix of 53 in the am and 63 in the pm.

There are no changes to the numbers on Greenbank services.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact Park Ridge Transit on (07) 3802 1233.

College Newsletter and 2020 Calendar

Access our College Newsletter and 2020 College Calendar via the College website below.

<http://www.ourladyscollege.qld.edu.au/>

Important Dates and Deadlines

16-18 September	Year 11 Leadership Program
18 September – Friday	Last Day Term 3
3 October – Monday	Queens' Birthday Public Holiday
4 October – Tuesday	First Day Term 4
7 October – Wednesday	Year 7 2021 Parent Information Evening
8 October – Thursday	Year 12 Reflection Day
13 October – Tuesday	College Assembly

Absentees

Please Phone: 07 3426 8095 prior to 9.00 am daily
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Absentee Email: absenteeOLC@bne.catholic.edu.au
Or via the Parent Portal