

# Verity Christian College

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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Term two is already slipping away so quickly. Coming to the College each day is such a wonderful privilege and blessing for the staff and I that the days just seem to fly by.

The students are now well into our established routines and such a lot of wonderful teaching and learning is taking place. All of the children will be encountering more challenging tasks this term as their knowledge and skills develop. There is a real sense of the Lord working in our school guiding and inspiring the staff and students in their daily activities.

## **COLES VOUCHERS**

Thank you to all of those families and friends of the school who contributed Coles vouchers to the recent promotion. In total there were over 5000 vouchers donated to our school. As a result we will be able to use these to obtain a full set of hockey gear and related items to add to our winter sports program.

## **NAPLAN**

We have had our first students sit for the NAPLAN tests. The information gained from these tests will further assist the staff in tailoring activities to best meet the needs, and support the strengths, of our students. Results will be available in September.

## **STUDENT REPORTS**

The staff are in the process of developing the format for our written reporting on student progress at the end of this term. More information on this later.

## **WORKING BEE/BOOK COVERING**

If you would like to use book-covering as the means by which you meet your Working Bee contribution, please let me know. Books can be taken home for covering at your convenience. Upon return, just advise me of the time spent and this will be credited to you.

There are still **some books being covered at home** from the end of last term. It would be appreciated if they could be **returned to the school** as some of them are needed for class use. Thank you.

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## **COLLEGE INCURSION**

On **Wednesday May 30<sup>th</sup>** the College will host “**Deadly Australians**”. This is a travelling program which brings a range of reptiles to the school for the children to view and (sometimes) handle. There is also an explanatory lesson given to the children by the presenters. Small schools, such as ours, are not always included on the itinerary.

## **SCHOOL ATTENDANCE**

I would like to remind all parents and caregivers that school attendance is compulsory. If it is necessary for your child to be absent from school please let us know, either by phone on the day of absence, or by sending in a note as soon as possible after the return to school. Thank you for your understanding with this matter.

I would like to close with a reflection about ‘**Faith**’. Helping to support children in their growing faith is one of our significant responsibilities as a Christian school. I liked these thoughts which are based on **1 John 4:16** which says,

***“And so we know and rely on the love God has for us.”***

Faith is leaning your whole weight on God. Resting your head on His shoulder. Faith means resting –relying- not on who we are, or what we can do, or how we feel, or what we know. Faith is resting in who God is and what He has done. And he has done Everything!

Until next time,  
Yours in Christ

David Fox  
Principal