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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Reflection:

The staff and I spend a good deal of time reflecting upon our work and on ways by which we can best guide and support our students in their learning and in their growing faith. I came across the following comment in relation to the teaching and learning that occurs within a Christian-focused setting. I shared this with the staff and students at a recent morning chapel service. It is under the heading of “Academic Faithfulness”.

“Teachers work faithfully to be the best they can be at the craft of teaching, within their gifts and abilities. Students work faithfully to be the best learners they can be, according to their gifting. Each works **to the Glory of God.**”

I felt this to be a very powerful message. It reminds us that all that we do within our school setting is to Glorify God and to show our respect and thankfulness for our strength, abilities and for our growing understanding and faith. This focus must be shared by all in our school community in order to support the spiritual, academic and creative growth of our wonderful students.

School Fees:

This is just a general reminder to all parents that the final instalments of school fees are payable by October. This time is rapidly approaching. If you have any issues in relation to fee payments please contact Mrs Stone in the office, Pastor Steve Rand or myself to discuss any concerns.

Working Bee:

The next school **Working Bee will be held on Saturday September 1st from 9am to 1pm.** You'll be happy to know that there are still lots of books to be covered, some gardening to do as well as general cleaning and sprucing up of facilities. Any time spent at the Working Bee will be greatly appreciated and will count towards the levy reduction.

Curriculum Changes:

Since my last Newsletter to families, we now have German language classes operating across the school. The students are enjoying the challenge of learning a new language and many are already trying out their growing skills with teachers and peers, parents and caregivers. Mrs Rand and I have been delivering the German program.

Our music program is also now well underway. Kindergarten to Year 2 have been working with percussion instruments, while Years 3-6 have Recorder class on Monday with Mrs Stone while on Fridays the students have Music theory and keyboard activities with me.

High School Transition:

Students from Year 6 have begun their transition to High School activities. Students will be enrolled in Murrumbidgee Regional High School. The Transition Program runs fortnightly.

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Pioneer Park Excursion:

It was an absolute privilege to accompany our students to Pioneer Park last week. The junior students were focused on activities related to the early history of Griffith while the other students focused on a Science theme related to building styles and materials –past, present and future.

Other highlights of the day included making damper, participating in some old-fashioned games and a train ride tour of the facilities. Students also experienced some of the challenges of working in a nineteenth-early twentieth century school room.

The wonderful staff and volunteers at Pioneer Park were very impressed by the courtesy and level of respect shown by our students throughout the day. The students were a great credit to themselves and to our school.

Parent – Teacher Interviews:

Our next round of Parent-Teacher Interviews will be held on Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons of next week. **Tuesday 28th and Wednesday 29th of August.** We will follow the same format as in Term 1 with interim timeslots being available. Appointment sheets will be available each afternoon of this week to enable you to book in a suitable time.

School Photographs:

I am currently having discussions with a local photographer, who is known to many of you from within the congregation, to have photographs taken before the end of this term. Students will all be in winter uniform. I will advise everyone shortly of the exact date and the costs of the photographs.

In closing, for a small school we are very proud of the opportunities that we are able to provide for our students. We give thanks to our Lord every day for our wonderful students and for the guidance and blessings that He continues to provide to the College. We are a strong and vibrant community focused on glorifying God by all that we do.

Until next time,
Yours in Christ,

David Fox
Principal