



August 2019

Hello Everyone,

We are already in Week 4 of Term 3. The year seems to be flying by so quickly with the children being well-engaged in their school work and other related activities. It's always a great pleasure to see the excitement on a child's face as they learn something new and make new discoveries about God and the world around them.

We are looking forward to providing the children with a range of great experiences in the term ahead.

BOOK WEEK

August 19th -23rd



This year will be the first time that our College will celebrate Book Week. Our plan is to hold a special Chapel Service on Thursday 22nd August at 9am to which parents and friends are invited to attend. The service will include a parade by students, so we would like each child to dress up as their favourite book character –which could, of course, be a character from the Bible.

Costumes should be kept simple and should not involve significant expenditure.

The Chapel Service and parade will be followed by a morning tea so that the parents can share some time with their children.

This part of our day should conclude by 10am.

Students will then be involved in a range of other reading activities throughout the day.

We will also provide a taco lunch for the children.



Please Note; that each child's teacher will be happy to provide assistance with costume making if required.

Parent Teacher Interviews

At this stage, Parent-Teacher interviews will be held on the Tuesday and Thursday afternoons of Week 7.

Tuesday 3rd September and Thursday 5th September commencing at 3:30pm.

Appointment booking sheets will be available the week prior to the interviews.



FEES Reminder - please see Mrs Stone if you need forms or banking details



Enrolments for 2020

We are **currently taking enrolments for K-6 in 2020**. If you have a child that will be enrolling next year, please advise Mrs Stone in the office as soon as possible so that the process can begin.

If you know of a family that might be considering enrolment for next year, please encourage them to make contact also. (Remember that a fee discount is available to any family who connects another family with the College and an enrolment proceeds as a result. The referred students need to remain enrolled until at least census day in August.)



Be an advocate for our College

Word of mouth is a powerful way of promoting our College in the community. If you are happy with the work that we do, please tell others. If you have concerns please tell us so we can address these together.



Plans for Expansion

The College is currently working on a range of plans and initiatives that will guide our growth and expansion. This includes the establishment of a secondary section in the not too distant future.

It is an exciting time for all of us within the College community.

Library Growth

Our Library collection continues to expand with the children having access to a growing range of fiction, non-fiction and Christian material. We urge all students to be regular borrowers of books and we have welcomed many suggestions from the students themselves in relation to books and series that they would like to see added to the collection.

The Library collection is being managed by Mrs Rand who always ensures that the Library is a welcoming place for students. We look forward to its continued growth and development.





A powerful thought from Christian Schools Australia;

“Students need to be challenged to pursue excellence. In striving for excellence, self-discipline, strength of character and self-esteem come to the fore and become intangible parts of the student’s concept of self. (1Corinthians 9:27). Though some students may require additional support, this is framed within the greater understanding that no-one will achieve perfection until they are in Christ (1John 3:2)”

The challenge for each child to pursue excellence in developing and utilising their God-given gifts, talents and capacities must come from all significant people in a child’s life. Parents, teachers, pastors/ministers, coaches, etc each have a part to play in helping a child to recognise and utilise each of their qualities in a positive way.

We must regularly reflect upon all of the ways we support our younger generation in becoming the best people that they can be with a strong God-focus in their thinking and decision making.

Are we challenging our young to truly pursue excellence??

Blessings on all of our children and their family and friends.

Psalm 119:105-106 (NIV)

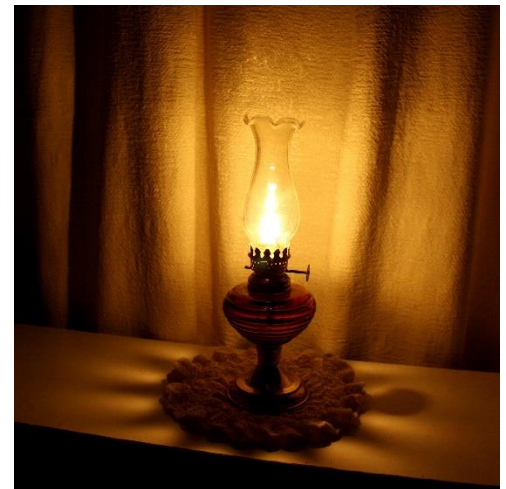
*¹⁰⁵ Your word is a lamp for my feet,
a light on my path.*

*¹⁰⁶ I have taken an oath and confirmed it,
that I will follow your righteous laws.*

Kind Regards,

David Fox

Principal VCC



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