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- **Friday 19 August**
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- **Saturday 20 August**
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- **Tuesday 23 August**
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  TAS Sport Faith vs Sheldon at Sheldon

- **Tuesday 30 and Wednesday 31 August**
  Year 12 QCS Testing

- **Wednesday 31 August**
  12 Years Boys District Cricket Trials
I Like Mondays

Don’t roll your eyes, but I like Mondays. Not necessarily because the weekend is over, but because we start our school week with a celebration of the achievements and progress that our students have made in their many academic and co-curricular pastimes. This week we saw our scholarship winners be awarded for their efforts, along with a sports report that was full of triumphs and challenges, as well as the success of our first Robo-Cup team that competed over the weekend.

I thought to myself, isn’t it great that our College is the home of so many different opportunities for our young people? Schools today are places of great variety and diversity, and I wonder how this has altered our expectations of what a school should purport to achieve, and what place they have in our society?

As part of my course that I am studying through ACU, we are required to investigate how schools have changed throughout the decades as our understanding of education and learning developed. Consider the schools of the early 1900s; a real industrial model of education existed as the system delivered skill sets and wrote literacy and numeracy to equip people with the same job for life. There were educational and administrative experts that knew exactly how the system could be fine tuned for maximum efficiency and teachers and students were expected to follow all instructions from said experts with little opportunity for collaboration. As the century wore on, data was being madly collected from all types of surveys and standardised tests in response to the signs that this notion of education was no longer working. This data influenced theories of learning that involved student-led discovery and learner-oriented activities radicalised with the idea that a system should serve the people, not the other way around.

Our education system today has been influenced by these theories and evidence collation and now more than ever there are opportunities for students to take charge of their learning and engage with authentic experiences that help them to better understand, and contribute to, their world.

As we read in Jeremiah 29:11

“For I know the plans I have for you, declares the LORD, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope”.

We can be assured by these words as we reflect on the amount of change that we have seen in our College. The plan that God has for us provides a future and a hope and we are reminded of this as we celebrate the fantastic achievements every Monday morning.

Mr Matt Armstrong
Curriculum Manager

We can relate this change to our mission as a Lutheran College to provide a Christ-centred co-education where people can learn and develop their God-given talents. We seek to nurture the potential and talents of our students through a range of academic and co-curricular opportunities as we recognise that learning takes place outside of a classroom as much as it does inside. Each student has a set of experiences and knowledge that can enrich every task, and the opportunity for collaboration between students and teachers can be the key to a successful classroom. This does make for a busy year and a huge commitment from both staff and students to ensure that each students’ pathway is enriched with the opportunity for them to be all they can be.

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Rejoice!

Finally, sisters and brothers, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind and live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.

2 Corinthians 13:11

2 Corinthians is not a book that we read very often. Starting even at the beginning of the book, Paul, the apostle, is writing the people of Corinth again because of some difficulties in their behaviour. Paul is fearful that amidst the people of Corinth there ‘may be discord, jealousy, fits of rage, selfish ambition, slander, gossip, arrogance and disorder.’ Sounds like a great community to be part of, doesn’t it?

In our contemporary world, we are sometimes surrounded by these same walls. On our homepages, article after article pops up about people fighting with each other – spouse with spouse, citizen with police officer, student with student, child with parents. Even in the Olympics, we see bouts of jealousy and slander and gossip. Two athletes become ambassadors of their respective countries and wage digital warfare across the Twitter-sphere. We are left with a cloudy outlook on life that there is neither peace or love, encouragement or restoration anywhere to be found in the world. Our media shapes us into thinking that there is no mutual affection in life, only discord and arrogance and disorder.

How can we possibly breathe in a world that seems so emotionally polluted? How can we, as Christians, survive the digital onslaught? How can we find hope and faith in a predominantly hopeless and faithless world?

That’s where Paul’s final words come into play:

FINALLY – he writes, at the finish he blesses them even in their discord. Finally, rejoice! Rejoice not in the pollution of the times, the acid rain which melts our relationships, the smog that blocks our view of each other and the ceaseless increase in temperature of our rage and jealousy – he says, rejoice! Rejoice that the God of love and peace is with you. ‘With’ is the key word; God is not above our discord or outside looking in shaking his head and wagging his finger at we who continually destroy our relational and physical worlds – he is with us.

When Jesus was born, he was given many names, but the one that sticks out from the angel to Mary was “And you shall call him Emmanuel, which means ‘God with us.’” The God of love and peace is with us and in the darkest of times when it seems like the entire world is crashing down around us, God speaks to us in the chaos and brings his peace through love.

This week, rejoice and even if the tempests of life are raising the temperatures of your days, trust that God is with you.

Pastor Reid Matthias
Connecting for Healthier Relationships

Finally, brothers and sisters, rejoice! Strive for full restoration, encourage one another, be of one mind, live in peace. And the God of love and peace will be with you.

2 Corinthians 13:11 (NIV)

One of the most anticipated activities on the Year 9 Camp this year was the overnight solo experience. This is where students spend the night camping by themselves without distraction. No phones. No contact with anyone else. I remember my own solo experience as a student in the 1970s. What has stayed with me most about that experience was the slow passage of time when you are completely on your own. Without company we often find ourselves lost. We are by nature social beings.

In an average sized class of 25 students, where every student has the opportunity to connect with each other and the teacher, there are potentially 650 different relationships. While not all students will relate with every other student in every lesson, it is fair to say that there are numerous social interactions between most students much of the time. Unfortunately, not all such interactions are positive.

The aim of Restorative Practice is the maintenance of healthy relationships. As has been said previously, the way to restore fractured relationships is for the offender to participate in repairing the harm caused so healing can take place. Relationships are essential to our well-being. However, through the adoption of more positive habits such harm may be prevented from occurring in the first place. A valuable adage to remember is: If I say or do this right now, will it bring us closer together or will it drive us further apart?

William Glasser identifies seven connecting and seven disconnecting habits that will help determine the outcome of our social interactions. These are listed as habits, because behaviour is learned through repeated actions. And when a behaviour gets us what we want (at least in the short term) we tend to adopt it as an ongoing habit, even if unconsciously. Teasing, blaming, complaining, nagging, threatening, punishing and bribing or rewarding to control others are seven behaviours that will drive people further apart, causing harm to any relationship. Listening, helping, encouraging, respecting, trusting, accepting and negotiating differences are connecting habits. “The more we practise the connecting habits…and eliminate the disconnecting habits…the stronger, more effective and healthier our relationships will be” (http://www.wgia.org.au/index.php/theory).

Mr Tony Qualischefske
House Coordinator

RoboCup Champions

Faith was represented by a team of four boys at the recent RoboCup State Championships, held at UQ St Lucia on Saturday 13 and Sunday 14 August. On day one, the boys won two games, tying another and suffering one loss. On day two the team came away with three tied games.

The team utilised and developed many skills over the two days including teamwork, problem solving and computational thinking. They showed amazing resilience when the robots didn’t exactly follow the plan and were gracious whether they won, lost or drew.

Overall the team placed about 12th out of approximately 40 teams; - a fabulous effort! Thanks goes to Fulton Trotter Architects who sponsored our team.
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Faith Fair is here!

We are so excited for what will be an amazing Faith Fair tomorrow night, Friday 19th August.

A huge thankyou to all of those who have been madly selling tickets for our multi-draw raffle! We have a number of students receiving a FREE unlimited ride armband for selling 10 books of tickets - amazing job! It’s not too late to get your books in; every ticket sold counts as money raised for our College.

We’d also like to thank our community in advance for their support of our Cake Stall. Cakes, slices, biscuits and other treats will go a long way in fundraising for our College.

Be sure to bring your friends and family along for what will be a fantastic night. Don’t forget the fireworks at 9pm! See you at the Fair!

Unlimited Ride Armbands

Don’t Miss Out!

If you have not yet prepurchased your unlimited ride armband for the Fair, make sure you get in before it’s too late! Prepurchasing closes at midnight on Thursday 18th August.

Prepurchased Ride Armbands are only $30. Ride Armbands will be $35 on the day of the Fair if not prepurchased, so don’t miss out on this discount.

Single ride tickets will be available on Fair night for $7 each.

Click the button to purchase your Unlimited Ride Armband now!

No Afternoon Buses on Fair Day

All parents and students are reminded that no College bus services will be running on the afternoon of the Fair - Friday 19th August. All students will need to remain at the College and will be supervised until 4.00pm when the Fair begins. As a Duty of Care, students will not be permitted to walk over to the Travel Centre. Parents of younger students will need to be aware of the lack of direct teacher supervision after 4.00pm. All students are required to do their service hours as arranged with their Care Group.
Year 9 Camp Rocks!

Last week, 80 Year 9 students ventured out into the bush for their annual camp.

This year the focus was on building teamwork, resilience and supporting each other. The Year 9’s did an amazing job when they were completing their very taxing activities, such as a high ropes course, trust activities, abseiling and a hike.

Special mention goes to Ms Nathan’s and Ms Roberts’ groups who went above and beyond working as a team and supporting each other. You have much to be proud of girls!

On the whole, the majority of students rose to the occasion and stepped up as leaders. Job well done Year 9!

Mrs Carri Campbell
Year 9 Coordinator
TAS Sport Report

On Saturday our TAS Sport teams played in fixtures at home in beautiful conditions.

Congratulations to the Junior A, Junior B, Inter B and 2nds touch teams, Junior B and Inter B basketball teams and Inter A and Junior B Volleyball teams who achieved wins.

Team of the week was awarded to the Inter A volleyball team for their 3 sets to 0 victory over Redlands.

This Saturday 1sts, Inter A and Inter B Basketball teams have home games, the Junior B Basketball team has an away game at Springfield, Junior and 1sts soccer and Inter B Touch are at Rivermount. All other teams have a BYE.

Check the B Block noticeboard, College app and facebook for fixture details. Next week the 27th of August we are away at Sheldon College with buses leaving at 6.30am.

District Athletics - 12 Years

On Friday 12 August, nine of our Year 7 students attended the Lockyer District Athletics Carnival for 12 year olds representing Laidley Valley.

All students performed exceptionally well, setting a great example for Faith. Special mention goes to Daniella Gunn-Poyle for breaking the shot put record!

Jack Skopp also achieved great results winning both his shot put and discus events. Ryleigh Sherlock and Lachlan Rasmussen also achieved many top 3 places in a host of events.

Best of luck at Met west trials!

CISSSA Rugby League

The Open and Under 15 Rugby League teams played in the grand finals of the Ipswich schools competition last Wednesday, 10 August.

The Under 15s have achieved some great success this season only losing one game and eventually being crowned premiers with a 32 to 16 win in the grand final over St Peter Claver College. The Open team has also worked very hard all season and fought valiantly in their grand final against a very strong Ipswich SHS side, but unfortunately were out classed on the day.

A massive thank you to the coaches Mr Skinner-Martin, Mr Wardrop, Mr Kent and Mr Jeffes who have contributed a lot of their time to training and games to help the boys achieve these results.

Met West Athletics

This event is on 6, 7 and 8 September at QE2 Stadium, Mt Gravatt.

Students that are planning on attending Met West athletics please return permission forms and principal approval forms to the office asap.
Ticket Sellers Needed

We regularly have the opportunity to fundraise for the College through the Friday night raffle held at Porters Plainland Hotel.

We are currently seeking a few helpers to sell raffle tickets at the Hotel on the following dates:

- Friday 2 September
- Friday 30 September
- Friday 28 October
- Friday 25 November
- Friday 23 December

As a volunteer raffle ticket seller, you will just need to sell $3 raffle tickets to patrons of the hotel; this usually only takes about 30 minutes of your time.

If you’d like more information on how you can help the College fundraise in this way, please get in contact with the College Business Manager, Mr Warren Haag by calling the College office.

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You are invited to the...

LOCKYER VALLEY
SHED MEN MEETING

At Kalfresh Shed
Pieper Access Rd off Tenthill Ck Rd, Lower Tenthill
3.30pm Sunday 21 Aug 2016

Guest Speaker
Robert Hinrichsen - Director of Kalfresh and involved with overseas mission work
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VET News

Positions Vacant

Laidley Vacancies:
- 1 X Cert III Business School Based Traineeship - Shop My Town

Gatton, Esk and Toowoomba Vacancies:
- 1 X Cert III Hospitality School Based Traineeship – The Reed Deer Café
- 1 X Cert III Business School Based Traineeship – Steele Rudd Corner Nobby
- 2 X Cert III Business Retail School Based Traineeship – Spano’s IGA Stanthorpe

Brisbane and surrounding suburbs
- 5 X Cert III in Hospitality Traineeships – Burger Edge at Indooroopilly
- 6 X Cert III in Hospitality (Front of House) Traineeships – Burger Edge at Indooroopilly
- 2 X Cert III Hospitality Traineeships – Subway at Carindale
- 2 X Cert III Hospitality Traineeships - Puckles Family Backhouse Springfield
- 7 X Cert III Hospitality Traineeships – Soul Origin Indooroopilly, North Lakes & Springfield
- 1 X Cert III Business (Retail) Traineeship – Greenbank Newsagency

More information on these vacancies and how to apply can be found in the Senior News, which is emailed directly to Year 10, 11 and 12 students each week or by emailing Miss Taya Elliott
telliott@faithlc.qld.edu.au.

The events below are coming up soon! For more details on these opportunities, be sure to check out the Senior News this week - emailed direct to Year 10, 11 and 12 students!

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3 Day Agricultural Taster Workshop

Students can participate in fun and practical rural activities to gain an understanding of the agricultural study options offered at Faith Lutheran College.

**Where:**
Faith Lutheran College (Ag Studies area behind the Trade Training Centre)

Faith Lutheran College has partnered with Rural Training Queensland giving students the option to undertake ARTC21260 Certificate II in Rural Operations during Year 11 and 12.

Contact Faith Lutheran College or Rural Training Queensland for more information about the program commencing in 2017.

**1800 888 710 / enquiries@rtq.edu.au / rtq.edu.au**
**07 5466 9900 / kmunro@faithic.qld.edu.au / telliot@faithic.qld.edu.au**

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**SEPTEMBER SCHOOL HOLIDAY CAMP**

**MONDAY 19 - THURSDAY 22 SEPTEMBER 2016**

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Careers News

**September Holiday Workshops at JMC Academy**

JMC Academy provides creative industry courses in music, songwriting, audio engineering, film and television production, entertainment business management, games, 3D animation and digital design. It will hold the following introductory workshops at its Brisbane campus located at 75 Grey Street, South Brisbane during the September 2016 school holidays.

- Monday 19 September - Maya and Mudbox Workshop: The focus in this workshop will be on character creation and animation.
- Monday 19 September - Ableton Live Workshop: In this workshop students will be introduced to sound recording and engineering.
- Tuesday 20 September - Animation and Game Development Workshop: This introductory workshop is designed specifically for high school students.
- Tuesday 20 September - Pro Tools Workshop: This workshop will introduce high school students to the system of Pro Tools.
- Wednesday 21 September - Music, Audio, and Entertainment Business Workshop: This workshop will introduce students to all facets of the music industry including Contemporary Music Performance, Sound Production and Artist and Event Management.
- Thursday 22 September - Film and Television Workshop: This workshop will provide students with an introduction to Film and TV studio recording processes.
- Thursday 22 September - Motion Capture Workshop: This workshop will introduce students to the technology and techniques for designing, setting up, capturing and working with motion capture data.


**Australian Veterans’ Children Assistance Trust (AVCAT) Scholarships and Bursaries**

AVCAT is a national independent charity that helps the children and grandchildren of ex-service men and women with the costs of full-time tertiary education.

Applications for 2017 scholarships and bursaries open on 18 August 2016 and close on 31 October 2016. Applicants need only complete one application form to be considered for all scholarships and bursaries available through AVCAT.

Some of the documents that you can prepare in advance include:

- A copy of your full birth certificate
- A copy of an official document showing the veterans’ operational service and/or the period of continuous full-time service as a member of the Australian Navy, Army or Airforce (e.g. Discharge certificate, Certificate of Service)
- A copy of your academic results for the last 18 months
- An up-to-date resume
- References/prizes/award certificates (no more than four documents and less than two years old).


**Aviation Careers Expo Scholarship**

At this year’s Aviation Careers Expo, you have the chance to win a scholarship with Aviation Australia for the upcoming 19 September or 4 October 2016 Mechanical Aeroskills (Fixed Wing) course. Entrants must be aged 16 years or over, be an Australian citizen or permanent resident of Australia living in Queensland and have completed Year 10 (or equivalent). The Expo will be held on Saturday 20 August 2016 at Aviation Australia, 20 Boronia Road, Brisbane International Airport. Visit [http://www.aviationaustralia.aero/events/ace/](http://www.aviationaustralia.aero/events/ace/) to register to attend the Expo. Click on ‘About the Expo’ for more information about the scholarship.

**Whitehouse Institute of Design Workshops in the September Holidays**

This institute will hold the following workshops in Brisbane:

- ‘Illustration for Fashion’ Monday 19 and Tuesday 20 September 2016
- ‘Image Styling’ Wednesday 21 and Thursday 22 September 2016
- ‘Techniques for Interior Illustration’ Friday 23 and Saturday 24 September 2016.

Year 12 Subject Bonus Rank Schemes

Some universities offer bonus ranks when you successfully complete specific subjects in Year 12. Each university has its own scheme. You don’t have to apply for these schemes as bonus ranks are automatically given when you apply for courses through QTAC. Bonus rank points only apply to Year 12 qualifications (e.g. OPs, IB and OP ineligible ranks) not VET certificates/diplomas and other qualifications you may have completed during Years 11 and 12.

The following gives a brief summary of Year 12 Subject Bonus Schemes at universities that offer them:

Australian Catholic University
A maximum of 5 points can be allocated across the Subject Bonus scheme and the Access ACU bonus schemes. Subject bonus points are based on results in Year 12 subjects relevant to the course you are applying for at ACU. For more information, see http://www.acu.edu.au/417394 (click on Subject Bonus).

Griffith University
A maximum of six points can be allocated under this scheme for the successful completion of over 20 Year 12 subjects as well as university subjects. The maximum bonus points that a student can receive under all bonus schemes is capped at 10. Bonus points do not apply to medicine and oral health courses. For more information, see https://www.griffith.edu.au/admissions/bonus-entry-options.

Queensland University of Technology
A maximum of eight points can be allocated for the successful completion of Maths C, a language other than English, Physics, Engineering Technology (for Engineering single and double degrees) and university subjects. Bonus points do not apply to courses with additional entry requirements, Dean’s Honours and Dean’s Scholars programs and scholarships that require a minimum OP. For more information, see https://www.qut.edu.au/study/applying/undergraduate-applications/special-entry-programs/entry-bonus-scheme.

University of Queensland
A maximum of five bonus points can be allocated for the successful completion of Maths C, a language other than English and university subjects. The bonus points do not apply to scholarship applications. For more information, see https://future-students.uq.edu.au/apply/undergraduate/special-entry-programs/uq-bonus-rank-scheme.

University of Southern Queensland
Bonus points are applied for successful study in Maths C, Chemistry, Physics, a language other than English and university subjects. For more information, see http://www.usq.edu.au/study/high-school-students/advising-school-leavers/opportunities/special-admissions-scheme/admissions-scheme.

Upcoming University Open Days

CQU University, Rockhampton campus Open Day on Sunday 21 August 2016. Visit https://www.cqu.edu.au/campaigns/opendays/rockhampton to register to receive updates about the event and for a chance to win a prize.

James Cook University, Townsville campus Open Day on Sunday 21 August 2016. Visit http://www.jcu.edu.au/openday to register for the event (to win a prize), to download the program and to visit the Competition Hub.

Queensland University of Technology Caboolture campus Open Day on Sunday 21 August 2016. Visit https://www.qut.edu.au/study/events/caboolture-campus-open-day to register for Open Day for a chance to win a MacBook Air and to access the program for the day.


QTAC updates

Applications open
You can now apply to QTAC on the online application accessed from the QTAC home page at http://www.qtac.edu.au.

Offers
QTAC institutions will be making offers on different days throughout the year. Year 12 students, depending on the courses they apply for, could receive an offer from 18 November 2016. Visit http://www.qtac.edu.au/key-dates---fees/course-offer-dates for a list of course offer dates for each QTAC institution.

An issue with Year 12 applications
One issue that has arisen is that Year 12 students are entering their secondary studies twice. Under the section titled ‘Secondary Education’, QTAC would like students to select ‘No’ to the question ‘Have you completed or will you complete Year 12/senior secondary studies?’ Selecting ‘Yes’ will lead to a doubling up of information. QTAC plans to change the question on 22 August 2016 to avoid confusion.

Ordering preferences
Applicants can apply for up to six courses on the QTAC application. The order in which you place the courses is very important. QTAC advises the following plan:

• Preferences 1 and 2: Desired courses - the courses you most want to study even if you are not sure you will get an offer
• Preferences 3 and 4: Back-up courses – less competitive courses that you are prepared to study if you don’t get your higher preferences. They could be used to upgrade to your higher preference courses in the future.
• Preferences 5 and 6: Pathway courses - courses that are not competitive and will help you upgrade to your higher preference courses in the future. These are safety net courses. Most TAFE courses fall into this category.

The QTAC computer starts with your preference 1 course. If you are eligible for this course (i.e. you meet all the entry requirements and are competitive), you will be offered this course and your other preferences will not be looked at.

If you are not eligible for your preference 1 course, the QTAC computer will continue down your list of courses until it finds a course you are eligible for or if it exhausts your list of preferences and you don’t receive an offer.

However, you will receive an offer if follow the plan.