FROM THE DEPUTY PRINCIPAL

The life of the school continues to be impacted by COVID-19. Further restrictions and response measures have been put in place to care for our school community, and to reduce the risk of exposure and spread of the virus. We want to thank the students and families for their continued support of the safety measures that remain in place, as students continue to be temperature checked each morning and finishing the day cleaning their classrooms. It is wonderful that students are serving and looking after our community in this way.

As any further changes take place, these will be updated on the school website - www.carinya.nsw.edu.au/covid-19-response-measures - so please check this page regularly. If you have any concerns, please contact the school so we can answer any questions you have.

We are thankful to the Lord for the way that He has cared for our school and community.

INTEGRITY

A few weeks ago, we spoke to students in Middle and Senior School about the idea of integrity. CS Lewis (the author of “The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe”) said that “integrity is doing the right thing even when no one is watching”. Integrity is a character trait that is highly valued, and in a school it impacts the way students complete their school work, the way they use technology, and the way they conduct friendships. Our character is often more important and longer lasting than our actions. For example, how students faithfully complete their work and do their best, is more important than the mark that they get (important as that can be), especially if that mark has been achieved through short cuts or cheating. Being a friend with integrity, one who can be relied upon, who is trustworthy and dependable, are fine qualities in a friend and have a lasting impact on others.

Proverbs 10:9 says: “Whoever walks in integrity walks securely, but whoever takes crooked paths will be found out.” In other words, integrity is a quality that is strong, valued and one that God esteems, but deceit and faithlessness will be found out. In the New Testament, God calls on Christians to live such good lives in the world (lives of integrity), that “though they accuse you of doing wrong, they may see your good deeds and glorify God on the day he visits us” (1 Peter 2:12). When we live lives of integrity, not only does it impact the lives of those around us for good, but more importantly, it leads to glory and praise for our Lord Jesus. As we speak to our children, let’s continue to encourage them, and help them, to be young men and women of integrity.

Peter Weary
Deputy Principal
Seek the Reward in the Task

In the previous article about our Carinya Distinctives, the fundamental point was that at Carinya we believe that this is God’s world: He made it, it belongs to Him and He rules it in the person of Jesus Christ. These core truths inform everything that is done at Carinya in educational theory, teaching and student welfare.

In this article, we will consider one of the Christ centred educational principles on which our educational philosophy is based: “SEEK THE REWARD IN THE TASK”.

What does it mean? Encouraging children to “seek the reward in the task” in their schoolwork means encouraging them to do their schoolwork, in order to learn about God’s world and find reward in the work itself. Therefore, the reason for learning to read is so that you can read. The reward is in the work itself, in the “task” of reading. The reward for learning your multiplication tables is knowing your multiplication tables: the reward is in the work.

The same is true for every part of the curriculum, including sport and creative arts.

INTRINSIC MOTIVATION

Teaching children to “seek the reward in the task” treats them with dignity and respect as learners, and shows that they are capable of valuing learning for its own sake. They do not have to be “bribed” to learn, with prizes and public praise. Educationally, this is referred to as motivating children “intrinsically”.

Motivating students to learn “extrinsically”, using prizes, certificates or public praise is not necessary and leads to rivalry, bitterness and competition in classrooms. It also demeans children as people made in the image of God. It implies they will not try to learn or co-operate, unless there is “something in it” for them. That is not true: children can and do find value and enjoyment in their learning and can “rise to the occasion” if that is the expectation of teachers and parents.

Teaching children to “seek the reward in the task” also means encouraging them to see their learning as an opportunity to know more about God’s world and how they can live in that world, using the gifts and abilities He has given them.

FROM CHRIST AND FOR HIM

Another aspect of “seeking the reward in the task” is to focus children’s minds on the fact that because all their gifts and abilities have come from God, they really do not deserve any reward for what they achieve. The success or achievement they enjoy comes to them as a gift from God: He alone deserves any recognition or praise.

To “seek the reward in the task” is to thankfully pursue any task with purpose and intent, seeking to enjoy the gifts of God in a job well done.

When home and school together point children to be faithful in their learning (to do their best) without prizes and public recognition, we give them a headstart for their lives in the real world. Each year the school receives numerous comments about our children in public; how they conduct themselves on excursions, how they wear their uniform with dignity and how they respect the rights of others. In recent years members of the public have commented on the way Carinya children are able to address adults with confidence and respect.

In the real world the qualities of faithfulness, self discipline, others-centredness, and commitment to the task, are prized and sought after by employers and also in further education. Seeking the reward in the task in schoolwork is just one way these qualities are prioritised and encouraged in the lives of children in the school.

Next time: #5 Competition and Sport at Carinya
All students from Kindergarten to Year 12 will have their individual photographs taken on **Wednesday 26th August** (next week).

Sibling photographs will also be taken on Wednesday, after the individual photos. *Please note: class and sport photos will not be taken this year.*

Photos can be ordered online, with details emailed home to parents and carers recently. If you would like to order class or sibling photos using an envelope, please collect one from the front office and return it by Monday 24th August.

Peter Weary  
Deputy Principal

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**CALALA LANE UPGRADE**

The school has been advised that an upgrade to the Campbell Road and Calala Lane intersection will commence later this year. Tamworth Regional Council is running two Community Information Sessions next month to give residents the chance to find out more information about the intersection upgrade.

The sessions will be held at the Calala Inn Carpark on Wednesday 9 September at 2:30-4:00pm and Saturday 12 September at 10:30am-12:00pm.

If families would like to find out more about the upgrade, or would like to have your say, please go to:  

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2021 EXCURSION DATES

Our excursion program is a wonderful opportunity for students and teachers to spend time together exploring God’s world. The excursions are a compulsory part of the school curriculum, therefore it is expected that all students will attend.

These dates are being published early so that families are able to avoid booking any holidays or other events during these periods.

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**Year 5**  
Thursday 11 - Friday 12 February 2021 (Term 1, Week 3)

**Year 6**  
Wednesday 10 - Friday 12 February 2021 (Term 1, Week 3)

**Year 7**  
Tuesday 23 – Friday 26 February 2021 (Term 1, Week 5)

**Year 8**  
Tuesday 23 – Friday 26 February 2021 (Term 1, Week 5)

**Year 9**  
Tuesday 23 – Friday 26 February 2021 (Term 1, Week 5)

**Year 10**  
Tuesday 23 – Friday 26 February 2021 (Term 1, Week 5)

**Year 11**  
Saturday 24 July - Friday 30 July (Term 3, Week 3)

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While we are planning for these excursions to go ahead next year, the ongoing impact of COVID-19, and the uncertainty of any continuing restrictions, may mean the excursions will need to be delayed. We will advise of any changes as soon as possible.

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TERM 3 OPENING HOURS

Tuesdays 1:00pm - 4:30pm - **By Appointment Only**

Thursdays 8:00am - 4:00pm - **By Appointment Only**

All entry must be via the Admin Screening Point only.

Please call the office on 67620970 or email cookk@carinya.nsw.edu.au to arrange an appointment.
HOMEWORK CLUB

The Homework Club is designed to provide the opportunity for students to set specific time aside to get homework, or other school work (such as assessment tasks) done for the following week. It is not meant to replace time spent on homework at home, but to help develop the habit of giving dedicated time to meeting their responsibility to complete their homework. Experience confirms that routine and habit is one of the most effective ways to complete school work.

HOW IT WORKS:

- One Registration must be completed for each session that a student will be attending; if a student would like to attend both Tuesday and Thursday, two Registrations must be submitted via one of the methods listed on the right of this page.
- "Blanket" registrations will not be accepted (ie. "all week/month/term"). This enables the school to supervise attendance more accurately.
- Students must bring sufficient school work (homework/assessment tasks) to last the entire session and students are only permitted to use computers for this purpose.
- The club will commence at 3:15pm sharp and conclude at 5:00pm. Parents may collect students from the Library Office from 4:30pm onwards. It is important that students are picked by parents on time. Students will be in the Reception Foyer from 5:00pm.
- There must be a minimum of 3 students registered for each session in order for the club to run. If a session needs to be cancelled, parents will be notified by 1:00pm that day.
- Afternoon tea will NOT be provided and students are encouraged to bring their own.

WHO
Students in Years 5-12

WHEN
Every Tuesday and Thursday
3:15pm - 5:00pm

WHERE
School Library

REGISTRATIONS

Register Online HERE
carinya.nsw.edu.au/homework-club

Download the PDF Registration form HERE
carinya.nsw.edu.au/policies-forms

Register via Edumate Parent Portal HERE
carinya.edumate.net.au/carinya/web/app.php/login/

Register by emailing us HERE
admin@carinya.nsw.edu.au