RIPPLES

From the Principal

Attendance matters

As a Principal, I read many educational articles and the most recent trend is school attendance. I know I have discussed this with parents already a few times this year but as a school and I will continue to do so to keep you well informed. This week, I note that ACARA which is the organisation which develops curriculum and reporting for schools, put out information about school attendance from a national perspective. Although an interesting read, I felt that the fact that this federal government organisation is mapping school attendance demonstrates it is an issue for many Australian children. I have put a link to the report at the end of this article for those who are interested.

A second recent article I read this week was by Dr Terry Bowles form the University of Melbourne where his research is demonstrating that -:

"Students need to attend school regularly to build relationships that enhance their sense of self and their relations with the people and groups around them. Then, they can actively engage in learning and this leads to 'flow'.

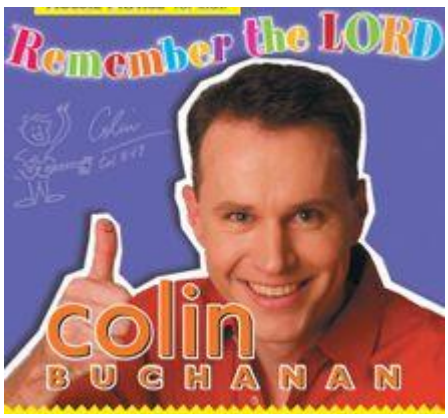
"Flow" is described as "the state in which people are so involved in an activity that nothing else seems to matter; the experience is so enjoyable that people will do it even at great cost, for the sheer sake of doing it"".

When I walk around Grace during the day, I regularly see 'flow' with students so engrossed in their school work that they do not even realise I am in their room. Often their teachers are involved too so that they do not notice me in the room either. This is wonderful to see because it demonstrates that our students are engaged, being educated and that they are excited about their learning. I also see 'flow' when the students are out playing at break time. The game and their friends are all that matters and again, it demonstrates the connectedness the students have at Grace.

I understand that all families have the odd holiday or major family event which means that some students must take time to travel during term time. Please do not be apologetic about this as the learning through these activities is also powerful. I just ask families to make considered decisions about regular travel during term time and if that is affecting your child's connectedness to the school's social and academic programs.

Here is the link to the ACARA report about absenteeism for your interest
http://www.acara.edu.au/reporting/national-report-on-schooling-in-australia-data-portal/student-attendance#View1

Colin Buchanan is coming!!



We are very excited to advise all families that Colin Buchanan will be at Grace for an end of term Chapel Service on Thursday, April 4 starting at 2pm. Parents (and Grandparents) are welcome to attend and bring toddlers along too. We will only have 100 seats available for adults so once these are full, we will be limiting access to standing room only. On April 4, we plan to have a full day of Easter celebration activities and Colin will be the culmination of a fun day for all at school.

Trudy Moala, Principal

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From the Deputy's Desk

National Day of Action Against Bullying and Violence

Many thanks to all staff, families and students who dressed up in something orange. Our School raised $435.40 for Stepping Stones School in Cambodia. The Student Representative Council members arranged and ran the various play break 'friendliness focused' activities. Our Chapel worship and various school learning sessions focused on being a friend, mate and supportive bystander. The remainder of this term's chapel offering money will also help the children and families in this rural village school in Cambodia.

Sport News

Congratulations to our GLPS Inter-Lutheran Swimming Team!

We took a team of 25 swimmers to the annual Inter-Lutheran Swimming carnival. Our Grace swimmers performed very well, some new personal bests, many wins across the day and a special congratulations to Max and Macey who were award the highest point scorers from Grace.

NISSA Gala Day One – Recap

On Friday the 1st of March we had our first NISSA Gala Day, this was a great day with students travelling to four different locations and competing in three different sports. Our teams played very well in the various sports and we are very proud of our 4-6 students who represented Grace so well at this event. We are looking forward to our next NISSA Gala day on 17 May.

District Sports Trials

Congratulations to the following students who have been selected in various Redcliffe District School Sport team for 2019. We have so many great sportsmen and women and we very proud of their achievements.

Hockey - Cooper (Yr 6), Rugby League - Sam (Yr5), Football (soccer) - Callum (Yr 4), Torin (Yr 5), Isla (Yr 5), and Emily (Yr 6)

Grace Primary Cross Country

The Junior and Senior Cross Country Carnivals will be held on Friday the 29 March on Dalton Oval.

Students from Prep to Year 6 will be involved across the junior and senior carnivals. Leading up to the carnival students have been training for this event at the Running Club on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. If your child is wishing to join this club there will still be 3 training sessions before the carnival, please complete the online permission form and meet us at 'The Space' at 7:20am or Pelican Park at 7:30am.

Senior Cross Country Timetable

Time	Event
8:40am	Classes to be seated under House Tents
8:45am	9 Years Girls (1500m)
8:55am	9 Years Boys (1500m)
9:05am	10 Years Girls (2000m)
9:15am	10 Years Boys (2000m)
9:25am	11 Years Girls (2000m)
9:35am	11 Years Boys (2000m)
9:45am	12 Years Girls (3000m)
9:55am	12 Years Boys (3000m)
10:10am	Announcements of Final Results
10:15am	Conclusion of Senior Carnival

Junior Cross Country Timetable

Time	Event
11:10am	Classes to be seated under House Tents
11:15am	Officials Meeting
11:35am	Year 2 Boys Start (600m)
11:37am	Year 2 Girls Start (600m)
11:45am	Year 1 Boys Start (600m)
11:47am	Year 1 Girls Start (600m)
12:00pm	Prep Boys Start (400m)
12:02pm	Prep Girls Start (400m)
12:10pm	Announcements of Final Results
12:15pm	Conclusion of Junior Carnival

Oliver Denny, Sports Coordinator

Performing Arts

Performing Arts Showcase - Thursday 28 March
We are looking forward to dazzling you all at our Showcase next Thursday 28 March at 6pm in the Hall. Performers are required to arrive in costume by 5:30pm. Please keep your eyes peeled on our Performing Arts Facebook Page and our Grace Lutheran Primary School Facebook Page as we have delicious dinner available prior to the concert. A family picnic with food from Pilpel on 'The Green' followed by our students performing makes for a fantastic Thursday evening! Food, drinks and community picnic time begins at 4:30pm allowing plenty of time to enjoy each others company prior to the show.

Kyren Luostarinen, Performing Arts Coordinator

Camp Quality Puppeteers visit Grace Primary

The Prep-Year 2 students were enthralled with "Being a Caring Friend" and the Year 3- 6 students enjoyed "The Caped Crusader" last week.

The message about caring for kids with cancer through friendship, positive support and being brave was a theme throughout both presentations. There was also information shared about some of the possible side effects of cancer (eg being tired or sick, hair falling out) and mention of the medicine such as chemotherapy and the types of cancer. A great message that was presented was that cancer cannot be caught from others and it is what is on the inside of a person that counts, not what's on the outside. Above all it was great to hear that positivity and 'sharing a laugh together as friends' is the best medicine of all. The presentation was interactive, with interesting humour and involved the students a great deal. Mr Nulley too, was invited to dress up as the Caped Crusader and suited the part well!

Have you download our SCHOOL APP!

Download it today to take advantage of these wonderful features:

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- ◊ Absentees - Send notification of your child's absences via the app form
- ◊ Newsletters - view our newsletters at the click of a button
- ◊ School Shops - access online ordering for our Tuckshop and Uniform Shop
- ◊ Contact us - school contact details and email our staff directly
- ◊ Online - access our website, social media and blog all at your fingertips.
- ◊ Parent Lounge - access student reports and bookings for Parent/Teacher conferences
- ◊ Plus much, much more...

This app is available on both Apple and Android phones and there is a mobile website version for Windows phones.

For Apple Devices

For Android Devices

For Windows Devices

Parent Lounge

If you do not have your login for Parent Lounge please call Reception on 3283 0011 or email reception@glps.qld.edu.au

If you are having trouble logging in, please go to the Grace Primary website and click the link under "My Grace Primary>Manage Parent Access" to reset password.

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GRACE FETE – only 12 weeks to go!

Our Grace Fete Carnival is all coming together and shaping up to be an amazing community day of fun for everyone. We've planned lots of stalls, rides, a sideshow alley, performances, acoustic music and coffee, food and fireworks. So make sure you come along and get involved.

It takes a community to pull a special event like this together, so please help where you can. For this fete, each year level is organising a stall or activity. Teachers and Parent Reps for each class will be sharing with you what they are planning and how you can help.

Here's what each Year Level is working on for the Fete:

Year Level	Stall/Activity
Prep	Crazy Hair and Face Painting Stall
Year 1	Pet Rocks
Year 2	Side Show Alley
Year 3	Jar Tombola
Year 4	Plant Stall
Year 5	Chocolate Throw
Year 6	Lucky Dip

But please don't limit yourself to just these areas. There are lots of other stalls that will need your help and donations and you may have skills or access to items that may be beneficial to other stalls.

So here's a complete list of the stalls planned

Stalls

Plant Stall
Cent Auction
Lucky Dip
Crazy Hair and Face Painting
Student's Art & Frames
Pet Rocks
Craft Stall
Hair Accessories Stall
Book Stall
Community Stalls – Fire, Police, Ambulance, Army
Eco Marines & School Aide
First Aide
GLPS & Information Stall
GLC Stall

Child Minding Junior Fun Zone

Activities

Chocolate Throw
Side Show Alley – loads of fun games like hover ball archery and nerf games, clown toss, bowling, chicken run, hoop throw etc.
Carnival Rides
Fly a Drone
Robotics Battle
Flight Experience Simulator
Soccer Shoot Out
Tennis Extravaganza
Petero's Peeps - NRL
Lucky Ducks
Super Soaker
Petting Zoo
ATMs

Food

Cake Stall & Lolly Shop
Fruit Kebabs
Fairy Floss
Café
Diner
BBQ
Soft Drinks Trailer
Water Station

Fireworks at 6pm!

A BIG thank you to all those wonderful parents who have agreed to be a stall convenor. More information will be shared shortly on each stall.

'BRING IT' Weeks

With this all this activity happening, each year level will be focusing on pulling their stalls together and we will support them with a whole of school focus week where required, called 'Bring It' weeks throughout Term 2. We will share a plan for this next week and will be asking for donations of:

* Blocks of chocolate
* Jars and 4L ice containers
* Books
* Plants
* Cakes and slices and so on.

Also, if your family is able to sponsor our fete through your business or donate a prize for our cent auction, please let me know.

Please help where you can. It's going to be amazing!

Karen Misso, 2019 Grace Fete Convenor

Reflections from Year 6 Canberra Trip

The Parliamentary activities were my favourite part because I learnt lots. It has made me think a different way about politics and parliament. I found it fun when we did the role play because I got to be the labour leader or Bill Shorten at this time. I also liked how we got to learn how to vote in an election.

Amy

At the war memorial I saw somethings that really made me think twice on how the soldiers fought in the war. Every part of the war was horrible and really sad. There were some models on how they lived, and how they fought. I walked in thinking that it was going to be all about Poppy's and people's names. But when I walked out, I learnt that is was much more than that, much sadder, much harsher.

Genevieve

The thing that stood out to me were the art galleries. I thought that they would be really boring and I wouldn't enjoy myself there, but I did. It was really interesting because I got to put myself in the artist's shoes and I got to see how they see things. There were many different types of textures of painting, there were dot painting, normal painting, paintings that looked like they were just planning but they liked it, so they left it.

Jorja

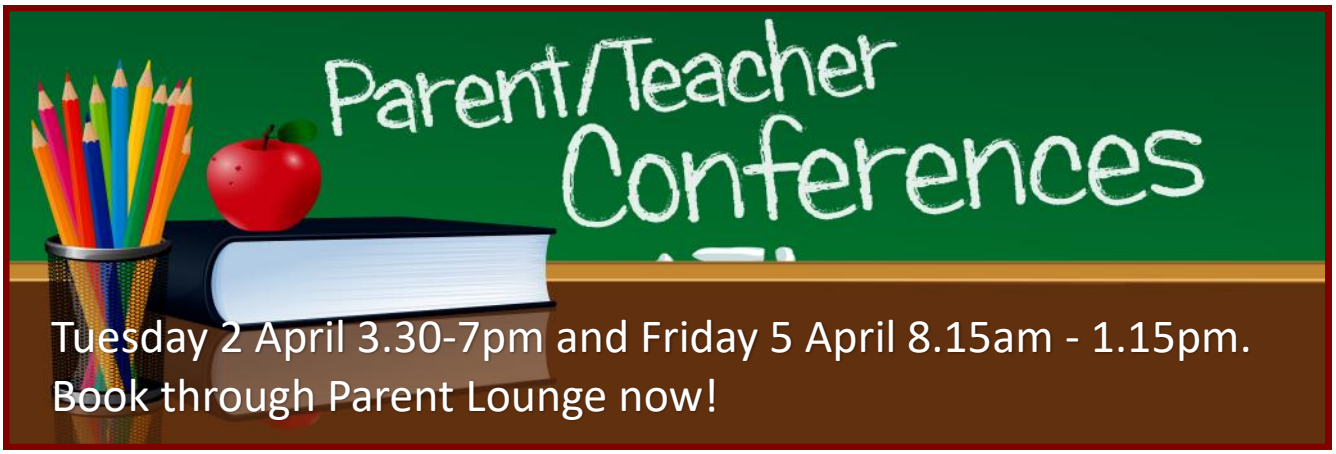
The Big issue coming was quite sentimental and sad. I had always been sorry for the homeless but this really opened my eyes to homelessness and what is being done to help them. It was amazing to hear the story of a real homeless person, who works for the Big Issue and how it turned his life around.

James

On Tuesday night we went rock climbing. When we got there, I was scared because the person belaying had your safety in their hands. I did a training wall but then I went to do the big wall that some other people did. I had sweaty palms but I had to face my fear so I did I took my time and I did it.

Isaac

Year 6 Canberra Trip
2019



LIVE IN CONCERT

COLIN BUCHANAN

Thursday 4 April 2pm

Colin is coming with his amazing show. Colin's show comes full of the usual music, mayhem – and mess! Sing along to your favourite Colin songs with Australia's #1 kids Christian artist and be part of a unique show that will have the whole family – young, old, very old and middle-sized – singing and laughing along.

What's Coming Up at Grace Primary

Friday 22 March	Prep-Yr 2 Chapel at Grace Church 8.40am Yr 3-Yr 6 Chapel at Grace Church 9.20am Prep-Yr 3 Sport Yrs 4-6 Sport
Thursday 28 March	Performing Arts Showcase 6pm
Friday 29 March	Cross Country on Dalton Oval
Monday 1 April	Assembly 2.20pm
Tuesday 2 April	Principal's Tour 9am Parent Teacher Conferences 3.30pm-7pm
Thursday 4 April	LAST DAY OF TERM 1 Subway Day Easter Fun Day Colin Buchanan Concert 2pm
Friday 5 April	Student Free Day Parent Teacher Conferences 8.15am - 1.15pm
8 April - 22 April	SCHOOL HOLIDAYS

Date Claimers

Saturday 8 June School Fete

Community News & Events

REDCLIFFE LEAGUES HOCKEY CLUB

2019 REDSTICKS

WHEN
Saturday morning
8:15am - 9:30am

27th April—10th August
(excluding school holidays)

COST
$120 per player

INCLUDES
Redsticks Club Polo

WHERE
Redcliffe Grass Field
Cnr Oxley Ave &
Lamington Drive

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The Redsticks program is an internal competition for girls and boys aged 4 to 12 years who are new or relatively new to the game of hockey.

The aim is to introduce children to a variety of hockey skills through fun and friendly games.

If your child is interested in a higher level of competition our club still has spots available in our teams aged 10+ years in our Junior Girls and Junior Boys teams.

These teams participate in weekly training and play once a week.

RHC REDCLIFFE

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8:30am Worship Service
8:50am Sunday School
2nd & 4th Sunday

Grace College Chapel
Mewes Road, Rothwell
5:30pm Worship Service

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