FROM THE PRINCIPAL’S DESK

Grace College Community Announcement

At the January 2016 meeting of College Council Principal, Mrs Ruth Butler announced her intention to retire from her position on 31 December 2016. This announcement is now extended to the wider community of Grace Lutheran College. The College is on a firm footing for the future and can look forward optimistically to retaining its position as a highly respected school. Ruth’s retirement from the role of Principal will allow her the opportunity to engage in other areas of personal interest for which she has a passion. This will of course, allow extra time for family both here and overseas.

This year, 2016 will be Ruth’s seventh year as Principal of Grace College. She took up her role following that of a much loved Headmaster, Mr Fred Stolz who had guided the development of the College for 30 years. History of private schools often show that the tenure of a principal who follows a very long-serving principal may only be 2-3 years. Not so for Ruth. Her dynamic leadership ensured the past was respected and was the platform for continued College development. Each year has its priorities to be addressed at all levels. This year may be Ruth’s retirement year but she has clearly indicated there is work to do. She presented to College Council an impressive list of her goals for 2016 and there is no reason to suspect these will not be achieved.

Every principal of a school puts a mark on the school and its community. Ruth has clearly done this. Absolutely essential to Ruth’s life is her belief in God. She allows Him to guide her in all she does, clearly and joyfully expressing this in her daily life. How fortunate Grace is in having such Christian leadership. There is a uniqueness about Grace often referred to as The Grace Way. Ruth lives this daily. Her example encourages all around her to do the same. The College has clearly evolved in a positive manner under Ruth’s leadership. There have been occasions when tough decisions have had to be made at all levels. These are carried through with care, compassion, respect and support for the good of the College and the good of the individual. Time is given to celebration, from chatting with groups of students, leading chapel, sharing with staff, speaking at assemblies and being central to Boondall’s Grace Celebrates – Ruth is there. Ruth shows The Grace Way.

The relationship between Principal and College Council is always harmonious, respectful and professional. Tough decisions have to be made by College Council. Ruth’s leadership, advice, openness in discussion and support of College Council decisions enables the governing responsibilities of the Council to be carried out in an effective manner. Ruth is a true servant leader.

As Ruth enters her final year as Principal we pray that it is a year of fulfillment. We pray also that in this busy year Ruth and Geoffrey are able to make time to plan for the next phase of their lives. Throughout the year, the Grace community will have many opportunities to thank and farewell Ruth. The immediate challenge for College Council is to begin the recruitment process for the appointment of a new Principal. The Council’s plan is to be able to make an announcement towards the end of Term II.

John C Gerlach
College Council Chair
16 February 2016

FROM THE DEPUTY HEAD OF CAMPUS - CABOOLTURE

School Photo Day
On Monday 29 February, our students will have their school photos taken. This will include both their Home Class and individual photos. You would have received an email on Wednesday with detailed reminders for your students regarding the day.

It is required that students wear their formal uniform on this day, including jackets for Middle School Captains and all Senior School students, although hats are not required for the photo. As per the College guidelines, correct uniform and grooming requirements must be followed.
Emailing Continues
Towards the end of last year you would have been receiving correspondence from the college via your email. This has proven to be an effective method of providing up to date information efficiently to our community. In addition to the emailing of parents, your students are also receiving information via email. If your students have an appointment to see our counsellor Mrs Cale-Clark, Careers guidance with Ms Atwell, or any other staff they will receive an email in the morning with the details required for the appointment. Please remind your students to check their email in the morning.

Parent evenings
It has been great to meet many of you at our Year 7, 8 and 9 Parent evenings over the last few weeks and hear many positive reports about the start of our school year. It seems that students have settled in well and are enjoying taking on the challenges of academic lessons and other co-curricular activities around the school. Please note we have our Year 12 parent evening coming up next Thursday night 3 March beginning at 6:30pm. Look out for an information letter regarding this coming out on your email. The evening will include information the procedures for the Student Education Profile as well as important dates and their significance. Also discussed will be OP, QCE and Careers information for students after Year 12.

Sharing the car park
As you know our bus zone and car parking area is a busy place. Thanks for your patience at times when buses are picking up or dropping off students. Please remember not to stop and drop off students in the bus zone parallel to the front of the school buildings. Please park your car in one of marked spaces to allow your student to get out safely and for traffic to flow around you. Our communities’ safety is our main priority in the car park and we thank you for your support.
Mr Jason Miles

THE ARTS

Instrumental Music Camp Report from Performing Arts Captain
Beth Stewart
Instrumental Camp really did demonstrate Mrs Butler’s vision of ‘Grit. Growth. Grace’. Though tough at times, it really did pay off to see all of Grace’s gifted musicians come together to create a truly beautiful sound within their ensembles. Mrs Howley, Mr Thomas, Mr Whiting, Ms Bastos and all of the wonderful staff who came along were accommodating, encouraging and gave great advice on how to better our skills not only as an individuals, but as groups. The camp also brought together students as people all doing what they love, which created some strong bonds between campuses. Instrumental Camp is a great opportunity to become a better musician but also a fantastic opportunity to have fun with friends too!

Student in ‘Hairspray’
Harvest Rain Theatre Company is producing a major arena spectacular production of HAIRSPRAY at the Brisbane Convention & Exhibition Centre in April this year featuring some of Australia’s biggest musical theatre stars including Simon Burke, Christine Anu, Tim Campbell, Wayne Scott Kermond. A full professional cast surrounded by talented young performers from Brisbane, including Year 12 Caboolture Campus student Elizabeth Ball, will be the largest production of HAIRSPRAY ever staged in the world. Jump online to Harvest Rain’s website, if you want to see Liz and the rest of the ensemble in action.

‘The Little Mermaid Jr’ needs corflute and sewers
Musical rehearsals have begun and a lot is happening behind the scenes as well! Any donations of old corflute (plastic cardboard, used to make eg real estate signs) in the next week would be much appreciated, as we aim to make our set and props nice and light. As well as this, there will be a sewing bee on Saturday 5 March from 9am at which all are welcome. For more information, or a copy of the rehearsal schedule, if yours has been misplaced, contact lizzie_morton@glc.qld.edu.au. The Musical Levy form and other information for parents of cast and crew is also being emailed out to parents on Wednesday, please keep an eye out for this in your inbox.

Wakikiri
This year Grace Academy will be taking a touring group of students from both campuses to Melbourne in July to perform in Wakikiri. This story dance event includes opportunities for those who want to be onstage as performers, dancers and musicians, as well as those with great choreographic and design ideas or who want to help behind the scenes. Students can be involved simply in the workshops where the performance is conceptualised and created, or take the whole journey and join the touring section as well, which includes some great experiences in Melbourne. Expressions of interest are now being taken and forms are available from the Arts Staffroom.

Opportunities for Year 10 students
Now that the Year 10s have returned from Googa they are able to join in the many ensembles and clubs available on campus, including Film Club, Art Club (helping make items for the musical!), Vocal Group, Dance Troupe, Jazz Band, Chapel Band and Tech Crew. For more information they should head to the Arts Staffroom. If they are interested in taking Vocal or Instrumental Lessons or getting involved in Cert III for Music or Technical Production, forms are also available at the Arts Staffroom.
‘Risen’ Resurrects Easter
Cheap Tuesday was calling and I went to the movies with some friends last night. I was warned that the ‘Risen’ movie started with some violence in the opening scene and to be prepared for confrontation. Yes, there was violence, but nothing compared to ‘Deadpool’ that I watched a few weeks earlier. ‘Risen’ took the resurrection of Jesus to a new level from the perspective of Clavius, a powerful Roman Military Tribune played by Joseph Fiennes. It was almost like a ‘murder mystery’, although the murder was publically witnessed, but the body vanished. The journey of detective work, searching and discovering the truth was gripping and wondrous as Clavius changed from being a non-believer to a witness and follower of Christ (sorry, spoiler alert).

Of course there are some Hollywood aspects and some sub-plots which are not clearly stated in the Bible, but I believe that this movie was enough to bring the crucifixion fresh to one’s mind and to create wonder at his miraculous rising and conquering of death. Some impacting sensations for me were smelling the stench of Golgotha, imagining the force of the nails, feeling the joys and fears of the disciples and warming to the love and friendship in the eyes of Jesus who had risen and later ate a fish breakfast with the lads on the beach.

As Jesus said to his friend Thomas in the movie, ‘Put your finger here and see my hands. Put your hand into the wound in my side. Don’t be faithless any longer. Believe!’ John 20:27.

I pray that you experience the reality of Jesus’ death and resurrection this Easter. Whether it is through viewing this film with your family, reading the eyewitness accounts in the gospels or having quiet, reflective time with the risen Lord, I pray that this Lenten time prepares you to experience the greatest love of all.
SKYPING INDONESIA

Year 12 students from Grace Caboolture are connecting with students from a Lutheran school in Tanah Alas (Indonesia) through skype. The weekly skype sessions are part of our ongoing partnership and are intended to assist the Indonesian students to learn English. So far we've discussed topics such as life at school, hobbies and sports. Our Indonesian friends have also been teaching our students some Batak Indonesian and helping them to understand the very different culture of this geographically close neighbour. Tuhan Memberkati! (God bless)

Kris Forman
Chaplain & Christian Studies Coordinator

YEAR 7 CAMP

Year 12 Leaders Run Games Night For Year 7s
The Grace Caboolture School captains and Faith and Service captains ran a 'Captains Games Night' for the Year 7s during their recent school camp at Coolum. The atmosphere was abuzz with excitement as four Year 7 teams battled it out in games such as 'team charades' and 'wink partners'. The Year 12 leaders did a fantastic job at leading the games and the joy on the faces of the Year 7s was warmly palpable. As well as being a chance to connect with the younger students and serve them, the games nights was also an opportunity for the Year 12 leaders to develop their leadership skills.

Reflecting on the leadership experience, Liz Ball (School captain) commented: "I learnt that you need to bring a lot of energy when you're leading a group from up front like that. They respond to the energy you bring as a leader." Coriena Wain (Faith and Service Captain) reflected: "I learnt that when you're communicating to a group it's best to show them with examples rather than just tell them with words."

Kris Forman  Chaplain & Christian Studies Coordinator

HISTORY

A HISTORY OF OUR WORLD IN 100 OBJECTS
Even though it’s the campus’ Year 7 historians who are currently enjoying researching ancient artefacts, you don’t have to be a Year 7 student to allow yourself to be fascinated by the past!

In a series of short, brilliant podcasts, the BBC series “A History of the World in 100 Objects” takes single objects from within the vaults of the British Museum and uses them to glimpse the entire span of humanity’s social and cultural development; from a stone chopping tool found in Tanzania BC to the recent revolutions that are the credit card and solar batteries.

Do permit me to recommend this to you all – it’s fascinating for all ages!

Mr Mason (History, English, Legal Studies)
IMPORANT MESSAGE TO ALL PARENTS REGARDING ASSESSMENT

A calendar of assessment dates for all year levels is available online (in Calendar tab at top right side of web page gracecollege.com) to provide information to families and assist students in planning for assignments and examinations. The ‘online calendar with filter’ option is recommended, so that only information relating to the student’s year level appears on the screen. Further information about each assessment item can be obtained by clicking on it. Other important dates such as Excursions and Information Nights are also detailed. At the end of each semester, some subjects will require Block Exams (where all students sit the exam together) and the exact schedule of exams will be issued at a later date. At this time, the online calendar will be updated.

In the next few weeks, Home Class Teachers will assist their students to log on to the calendar to check for clashes of assessment. If students find they have more than two pieces of assessment (particularly exams) due on the one day, they should see me immediately.

As a family, we encourage you to take an interest in your child’s learning and log on to the calendar with them, so they become more proactive about preparation for assessment. If some families do not have a computer at home, we would remind students that computers are available for use in the Library and access to them can be arranged with Library staff.

Ms R Hermus
Head of Teaching and Learning

CAREERS

My health career – a free resource
My Health Career is not just another website about the health industry. It has been created by a real health professional – she is committed to ensuring the right people come into the health industry, and assisting health students to become excellent practitioners. It has also become a popular resource for health professionals and industry organisations.

Follow them on Facebook or Twitter. Resources on the website include:
• Health industry news every month – article topics include industry trends, employment trends, success stories, and student, practitioner & industry perspectives.
• Over 120 videos from leading health practitioners and students, across 10 health professions.
• Everything from a university scholarship listing to career information from professional associations, employment trends and how much money health professionals earn.

How to become a Psychologist in Australia – by Psychologist Dan Martin
(from My Health Career – February 2016)
Psychology - January 28, 2016
If you have decided that the way you want to be help people is by becoming a psychologist this is the article for you. There are several factors to keep in mind so that you follow the most direct path to...

New Zealand Special Category Visa Holders – Access to help loans
The Australian Government recently passed legislation to make Higher Education Loan Programme (HELP) loans available to New Zealand citizens who are Special Category Visa (SCV) holders and meet the requisite criteria. This new legislation came into effect on 1 January 2016.

Eligibility:
If students hold a New Zealand SCV they will be able to access HELP loans, providing they:

- first entered Australia as a dependent child aged under 18 years of age;
- have been generally living and resident in Australia for the previous 10 years or more (that is, they have been physically present in Australia for at least eight out of the past 10 years) and 18 months out of the last two years at the time of application for the loan; and are otherwise eligible for the loan.

- Note: just being a New Zealand citizen, or holding a Special Category Visa, will not automatically entitle students to HELP loans - they must meet all of the required eligibility criteria under this category.

Specific enquiries about the Special Category Visa, and other visas, should be directed to the Department of Immigration and Border Protection

Queensland School of Film and TV
- Introduction To Video Production Workshop
This workshop offers an ideal introduction for those who desire a better understanding of the principles behind shooting video and editing. Trained by industry professionals, this one-day workshop is designed for everyone and covers all basic areas in digital video production.

Topics to Cover:
• Exposure
• Focus (Depth of Field)
• White Balance
• Framing and Composition
• Basic Sound Recording
• Introduction to Editing Video
• Transitions and Titles

For $275 Inc. GST, this one day workshop is a great way to learn the basics of video production!

DATE: Saturday 27 February, TIME: 9:30 am to 4:30 pm
VENUE: QSFT Campus
22 Warwick Street, Annerley, QLD 4103
FOR MORE INFORMATION: Call (07) 3392 7788

Regards from Monique Atwell, Lesley Barnard, Suzanne Wright
Not sure what career path is right for you? Try ....

GRACE CAREERS
www.gracecareers.com.au

USI – Unique Student Identifier
Any students undertaking a certificate qualification course either here at school or externally will need to obtain a Unique Student Identifier (USI). Available online at no cost. Simply go to http://usi.gov.au/pages/default/asp and click on the Create USI icon. Follow the instructions and email your code to Mrs Crudgington - carolyn_crudgington@glc.qld.edu.au.

Term 1 exams – reminder to all VET students to cross check their exam timetable for any clashes of TAFE or work days. School exams take priority – if so, you will need to work something out with your TAFE teacher or employer well before exams. Rearrange your days and always advise Mrs Davis during your spares or come to the vet department to advise of any changes.

Certificate III in Surveying - Term 2, 3 and 4 2016 After School
At Rothwell Campus - Year 11 and 12 students may apply.
Approximate cost $750.00. See Ms Jones for further information and enrolment.

TAFE and Private Course News
2016 CELEBRATING WOMEN IN TRADES DAY
Tuesday 8 March 2016    11:00am-2:00pm
Roma Street Parklands, Brisbane ‘Amphitheatre’ (Site A)
To find out more call (07) 3881 3166 and ask to speak to Heather, Sam or Kim
• FREE sausage sizzle
• Connect with successful female tradespeople
• Meet industry mentors and leaders and participate in speed mentoring
• Tips to starting your career in a trade
• Displays and activities
• Competitions / Giveaways
• Eve workwear and she wear fashion parade
• Guest speakers including The Hon Yvette D’Ath, Attorney-General and Minister for Justice and Minister for Training and Skills

WIN a pair of she wear boots just by emailing your confirmation to attend and ensuring your register at the ‘registration’ table on the day!
Good luck to our 21 Caboolture students undertaking external TAFE and Private Courses for 2016 – may your year be blessed with good organisation, life balance and continued achievements.

Remember: The VET Department is here for YOU.
Sophie Anderson, Macaulay Barnes-Orr, Kate Briggs, Jacob Chandler, Shania Crawley, Teresa Dayhew, Bethany-Rose Dunmore, Shay-Leigh Eyre, Nicholas MacPhail, Elisha Malesa, Charmaine Martin, Latina Miso, Charli Murray, Jake North, Dylan Ogilvie, Hannah Paxton, Dakota Pieper, Michelle Purkhart, Lani Reid, Courtney Schiffke, William Trencher.
Course enrolments are still open but only for this week – so if you would like to know more – pop in to the VET Office to see what is on offer!

School-Based Traineeships and Apprenticeships Available Now:
- Subway, Rothwell and North Lakes – Certificate III in Business
- McDonalds – Certificate II in Retail Services or Certificate III in Retail Operations
- M-A-X & True Employment – Certificates II & III in Retail, Business and Horticulture at various businesses and locations

Congratulations to Our Newest School-Based Apprentices and Trainees:
MAKAYLA SCOTT and LUKE MULLER Year 11 – Undertaking a Certificate III in Early Childhood Education and Care with Sesame Lane Childcare, Morayfield. Congratulations to you both!
Best wishes to all nine of our Caboolture students undertaking a School-based Traineeship or Apprenticeship in 2016. Keep up the great work!
Ms Jones, Mrs Mazlin, Mrs Crudgington and Mrs Davis

Want to Link up with Grace College Caboolture?
Did you know we have an official social media presence across the popular social networking sites? And we would like you to help us share what makes Grace Caboolture so great.
The purpose of this is to inform parents and the school community about events and student achievements.
Here are a few basic steps that may help you start following the Grace Way.
Homestay families wanted!

University of Minnesota through QUT Caboolture have an arrangement where final year Education students come out to Australia to do a few weeks practical experience each year. QUT has a few of these students that need accommodation for the month of April. One of these students will be at Grace College for their prac. If you have a spare room, please feel free to contact Gina on the following details:

Mrs Gina Hebbes
Academic Support Officer
J Block, Caboolture Campus
Queensland University of Technology (QUT)
Tel: 5316 7431
Fax: 5316 7421
Email: g.hebbes@qut.edu.au

St Paul’s Annual Trivia Night 2016
Faster, Higher, Stronger- The Olympics
Saturday 5th March
6pm for a 6:30pm start
$140 per table (max. of 8 people)
Burpengary Community Hall
111 Station Road, Burpengary

Select an Olympic country as the theme for your table. You may decorate and/or dress with your chosen country in mind. Prizes presented for ‘best dressed’ table.

Food provided and drinks available for purchase.

Book and pay prior to Friday 26th February
Must be paid upfront to secure country choice.
ART Students
While the 8s are away the 9s will play!
Year 9 Art students worked on a portrait extension task this week while the Year 8 students are in Canberra. Inspired by the anamorphic chalk artist Julian Beever the class chose a Pop Art take on a popular movie character as their portrait to enlarge and bring to life. It was a challenging but fun activity.

Mrs Megan Ennis