E-Connections



Issue 1, Term One 2014

30 Years - 30 Memories



This year Calvary Christian College celebrates its 30th anniversary.

Since its inception in 1984, the College has grown in leaps and bounds from its humble beginnings as a tiny school with a vision to see quality Christian education for the families of Logan Uniting Church, to the school it is today.

"I have a dream", the words of civil rights activist Martin Luther King Jn. is at the very heart of Calvary Christian College, reflected in the naming of one of the original school houses "King."

Before the school (which was originally Logan Uniting Primary School or LUPS) was opened, it was the dream and vision of a few dedicated founding families who desired a Christian primary school for their children. These families put their faith into action by enrolling their children, in late 1983, for a school which at that time did not exist, but was just thirty-four acres of bushland.

The school began in 1984 with two demountable buildings, two teachers, Mrs Ann Doyle and Mrs Karen Webster, and two composite classes from Year One to Year Four. There were thirty-eight students who represented thirty-three families.

Playground equipment was a sandpit, a pyramid and a climbing frame. Playtime at lunchtime was great fun with everyone playing "Red Rover" as everyone knew each other. A bushwalk to the creek, which no longer exists due to the oval and parking area, was a time to search for local creatures in the area, great and small.

Some students and staff remember that in the early days there were no uniforms but students wore their 'good clothes" to school. In the first few months there was no electric bell and a cow bell rang at the start of the day. As the school day progressed, the school cow bell was often forgotten as the teachers and students were so engrossed in lessons.

In the early days of LUPS, there was a great deal of sharing of ideas and an enormous amount of faith. It was a time of testing but also a time of incredible blessings and miracles. Calvary's strong caring and nurturing community continues to be a blessing to our families and is the foundation stone on which our vibrant community stands today.

During the course of this year we will be sharing various stories from the past thirty years in e-Connections and on Facebook. We will share the memories and the traditions that have developed over the years and have made Calvary Christian College what it is today. Part of our celebrations is an anniversary dinner at the Logan Entertainment Centre on

Friday 2 May 2014. Please save this date in your calendar and join us as we share the stories and build new memories for future generations.



College Principal,



Cathy Hockey

A Positive Way to start the School Year

What a positive start we have had to the year!

I thank our staff for their commitment to maximising the potential of our students and working hard to ensure that this will continue throughout the year. Prior to the commencement of school, our staff attended an orientation and planning week undertaking professional development, planning and preparation ready for a great start to the year.

Term One is an important term in providing foundations for successful learning. Students' potential can be maximised if the disciplines of goal setting, commitment to one's studies, self-discipline, the completion of homework and perseverance are established early in the school year.

The role of parents in contributing to the success of their children at school is an important one. As a College, we value our partnership with families as we seek to work together for the wellbeing and success of our students. The combination of your expectations of your children's learning and support and involvement in their education contribute to their success at school.

Thank you for the positive response of families who have attended parent information evenings and for the enthusiastic support of families for their children. I urge parents to encourage their children to start the year well and to make the most of the opportunities that are provided for them this term.

Staffing:

All staff appointments have been made for the year. We welcome to our College the following teachers:

Mrs Hayley Johnson Kingdom Kids Pre-Prep
Miss Nadya Garmeister JS - Carbrook Year Five
Mr Ricardo Jorge JS - Carbrook Year Three
Mr Elise Vargus JS- Springwood Year Three
Mrs Kinga Wroblewska-Schmidt M/SS Careers

Last year we farewelled the following teachers:

Mr Michael Allen M/SS

Mrs Pat David M/SS Head of English/ Humanities/ Languages

Mr Jim McGrath M/SS Careers
Mrs Lynette Putzier JS-Springwood

We thank the efforts of contract teachers. In particular, we acknowledge the efforts of Mrs Putzier who has relocated, Mr Allen who has accepted a promotional position at another school, and Mrs Pat David and Mr Jim McGrath for their significant contribution to Calvary over many years. Mr McGrath spent eight years of his semi-retirement in establishing an excellent careers program at our College drawing from his expertise and many years of experience previously as a Guidance Officer. We are grateful for his leaving our careers program in such a good place and are appreciative of his careers assistance to hundreds of students and their families.

Mrs David is acknowledged for her twenty-one years of dedicated service to Calvary. We are grateful for her initiating the Amnesty team and the impact that the candle day services have had on the lives of hundreds of students over the years. She will be fondly remembered as a passionate teacher of History and English who wanted her students to be the best they could be. A diligent worker, she put in many hours of her time to mentor and support her faculty. We are indebted for her legacy of social justice.

Kingdom Kids Opening Celebrations

It was with great pleasure and excitement on 22 January 2014, that Kingdom Kids Early Learning Centre officially opened the new Pre-Prep (Kindy) room, the Mighty Meerkats. Historically, this room was the Preschool building and was named for the founding Principal of the College, Mr Tim Rogers. When plans for the new room began last year, it was decided to reinstate the building as the Tim Rogers building. During the Opening celebrations, Mrs Hockey unveiled the new name plate. We know that Tim would have been delighted with our new facility and we praise God for His blessings to us. We also acknowledge the attendance of Mr Bert van Manen MP Federal Member for Forde who was invited to share this special occasion with us.



Staff Directory

Class teachers: (in MS/SS) assist with general welfare and parent communication. Class teachers in Junior school, are your first 'port of call' as parents.

Year Level Coordinators (MS/SS): Are the first 'port of call' for the discipline, pastoral care and general appearance of students in their respective year level.

Director of Middle School: For the overall tone, behavioural, significant pastoral care, and social and emotional development of students in the Middle School – Mr Calitz.

Director of Academic Studies: For information about Senior Schooling, OPs and subject changes - Mrs Mc Farlane

Heads of Faculty: For information pertaining to course content in the Middle and Senior Schools

Arts, PE and Foundations (Mr Paech); Business Education, ICT, ITD and Home Economics (Mr Bennett), English, Humanities and Languages (Mrs Grotherr), Mathematics, Science and Agricultural Science (Mr Bailey-Mortimer).

Careers Advisor: For information about Careers and Vocational Education - Mrs Schmidt and Mr Gellatly.

Director of Child Care: For information about the management of Kingdom Kids Childcare Centre – Mrs Stephens.

Head of Teaching and Learning Prep –Year Twelve: For information about the general direction of teaching and learning – Mrs Grotherr.

Heads of Schools: For general concerns and queries pertaining to the culture and leadership of the sub-schools, please arrange an appointment through Reception.

OSHC – Mrs Collier (Deputy Early Childhood and Outside School Hours Care)

Chaplaincy: For information about the Chaplaincy and social emotional support – Pastor Haak and Junior and Middle School Chaplains.

Counselling services: (Middle/Senior School students) - Mrs Price.



Let's create a better world through education

Find out how at our Prep 2015 Parent Information Evenings.

Carbrook Campus: Tuesday 18 February 2014, 7pm at Burnett Theatre, 559 Beenleigh-Redland Bay Road, Carbrook.

To book your seat, RSVP with our Registrar on 32876222 or email: info@calvarycc.qld.edu.au

Springwood Campus: Wednesday 19 February 2014, 6:30pm at Administration block, 161 Dennis Road, Springwood.

To book a seat, RSVP: Call Springwood Administration on 3808 8368.

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Learning in the light of Christ



Firsts at Kingdom Kids

Kingdom Kids Early Learning Centre started the New Year with much excitement and several 'firsts'. We have welcomed many new families to our centre as children have come along for the first time. Tuesday 28 January was the very first day for our new Pre-Prep

(Kindy) room, the Mighty Meerkats, and it was a day filled with awe and wonder from children, parents and staff! We have a mud pit for the first time as well as lots of wonderful new equipment in the playground for the children to enjoy. We feel greatly blessed to have such a wonderful centre where children play, learn and grow together.









SPRINGWOOD JUNIOR SCHOOL



Ian Price, Head of Junior School

Welcome and Welcome Back

It was all smiles on the Friday before school began as students and parents loaded up their school supplies and headed into the College to find their new classes, meet their teachers and catch up with friends. Holiday stories abounded and as well as

the classroom teachers, Mrs Farley was kept busy hearing all about the summer break. Thank you to our many Year Six students who came along on the day to help out, giving directions, checking class lists and carrying books.





New and Returning Staff

This year we welcome to the Springwood community Mr Brendon Linning who is teaching Year Two. Last year Mr Linning taught on the Carbrook campus and he has also had many years teaching with Education Queensland. Mr Linning is looking forward to the cross country as an avid runner and is sure to make it on to Mr Foster's Kings and Queens of Springwood Honour Board before too long. We also welcome Mrs Elise Vargas, who is teaching Year Three alongside Mrs Mel Griffith this year. Some of the children will remember Elise as Miss Roe from last year, as she was married over the holidays just prior to commencing at Calvary. Mrs Vargas is looking forward to her time at Calvary and teaching some of her children to play chess. Mrs Sue Park has also joined the College this year as a staff member, taking on the role of Prep Teacher Aide in Mrs Claassen's room. Many people will know Sue as a parent and active member of the P&F. Sue is looking forward to working with our youngest students as they begin their learning journey at Calvary. It is also lovely to have Mrs Buthmann back with us parttime from maternity leave. Liz is working with Mrs Fiona Baker in Learning Enrichment supporting students across various year levels.

It's Great to Have you With Us



This term we welcomed to Springwood campus Hannah (Year One), Joshua (Year Two), Gabriell and Brendon (Year Five). Beginning at the College the children commented nice the teachers were, the kindness of others and our beautiful surroundings. One person that Springwood campus looked like it was in

a little forest, being surrounded by the nice green plants. We look forward to having you with us.

CARBROOK JUNIOR SCHOOL



Peter McNamara, Head of Junior School

Welcome to 2014

Today we especially welcome the new students to Carbrook, particularly our 'preppies' who are new to everything! May their excitement continue.

At our opening assembly I spoke (and presented a You Tube clip) of 2 Bible events - Jesus calming the storm and Peter walking on water. I explained that we can call on Jesus to calm, heal or support a situation, or like Peter, we can call on Jesus to enable us to do the same. Either way, keeping our eyes on Jesus is the key.



Introducing Nadya & Ricardo

Our two new Junior school Teachers were welcomed on assembly this morning. Introducing Nadya Garmeister (Grade 5) and Ricardo Jorge (Year 3)! We warmly welcome you into our college family!



FROM THE REGISTRAR

Prep 2015 Parent Information Evening

Carbrook Campus: 7pm Tuesday 18 February 2014 in the Burnett Theatre.

Springwood Campus: 6:30pm on Wednesday 19 February 2014, Administration block.

Please note that all **new parents are required to attend** the evening. If you are a **sibling family** please get your enrolment forms in as soon as possible as places will be limited and we are filling up fast. If you are not sure if you have submitted an enrolment form please contact me on 3287 622 to confirm.

To RSVP: Carbrook Campus call 3287 6222/Springwood Campus call 3808 8368.

Principal's Tours

Our first Principal's Tours for 2014 will be held on **Thursday 27 February at Springwood Campus** and **Friday 28 February at Carbrook Campus**. Please invite family and friends who are looking for a quality Christian education to come along on these days.

Tours commence at 9:30am and conclude with morning tea. **RSVP to** info@calvarycc.qld.edu.au or call 3287 6222.

MIDDLE/SENIOR SCHOOL NEWS



Peter Collins, Head of Middle and Senior School Marcelle Calitz, Director of Middle School

Welcome to 2014

A warm welcome to our Middle and Senior School families and students especially those new to our college. I trust you and your family enjoyed a refreshing holiday period and are

excited for the year ahead. Both Senior and Middle Schools started smoothly. I thank the staff for their teamwork and investment into making the College such an inviting place and parents for giving us well-presented and prepared students. These are good foundations on which to build a successful year.



First week

The Middle School Orientation Program allowed students to meet key teachers, master the art of timetable interpretation, conquer combination locks and try their new subjects. The Senior School clicked into gear like a well-oiled machine.









Middle and Senior School Goals

At recent parent information evening I introduced our yearly goals. This year it is expressed as the acronyms AAA and CCC.

A - Attitudes C - Christ-like
A - Actions C - Cooperative
A - Achievements C - Caring

We aim to make Calvary an AAA College with three C character.

Year Level Coordinators

We place a high priority on student welfare so please communicate with the College over any issue affecting your child's education or development. Year Level Coordinators are important members of the student welfare team and first point of contact.

The Year Level Coordinators for 2014 are:

Year 7: Joel Hughes Year 8: Robyn Ray Year 9: Bert Kasselman Year 10: Jessica Prouten Year 11: Louise Baldwin Year 12: Brent Morton

Elevate Workshop

On Wednesday 5 February, our Year Nine students attended a time management workshop run by Elevate. They received helpful advice on how to beat procrastination. Students were given strategies to help them revise effectively and to manage their time in order to meet assignment deadlines. The presenters showed students some valuable steps that they can take to make examination preparation more effective. It would stand parents of Year Nine students in good stead to look at the workbooks that the students received at the workshop and to help them implement the excellent ideas.

Communication

The College's first formal communication tool is email. This is quicker and avoids the 'note in the bottom of the bag' situation. Supplementing this process are Parent Lounge and web posts if applicable. It is therefore vital that the College has your current email contact. Please check regularly for College emails and notify the College of any changed or updated email addresses.

Welcome again to 2014. We as a staff look forward to working with you over the year.



SPORT NEWS

Swimming Carnival

The first week back at school started with a splash with our annual Interhouse Swimming Carnival being held at Aqualogan Springwood on Friday 31 January. Congratulations to all those who took part in the events for the great spirit and attitude that was on display. Well done to Pascal for taking out the House Trophy, and to the following Age Champions, College Champions and Record Breakers:

Age Champions

AGE	PLACE	BOYS	HOUSE	PLACE	GIRLS	HOUSE
12 Yrs	1 st	Rhys Le Sage	TRS	1 st	Georgia Vekve	PLG
	2 nd	Konah Dalby	PAS	2 nd	Teya Williams	LIV
	3 rd	Bradley Brown	PAS	3 rd	Olivia Georgiou	PLG
13 Yrs	1 st	Ethan Burton	PAS	1 st	Alexandrea Ryan	PAS
	2 nd	Nicolaas Louw	TRS	2 nd	Rianna Haynes	LIV
	3 rd	Jackson Geurts	PAS	3 rd	Tiana Sherlock	TRS
	1 st	Mitchell Loudon	LIV	1 st	Mikaela Williams	LIV
14 Yrs	2 nd	Luke Page	PAS	2 nd	Heather Ray	TRS
	3 rd	Matthew Sharp	PUL	3 rd	Zoe Carmichael	LIV
15 Yrs	1 st	Ruben Jacobs	PLG	1 st	Kaitlin Le Sage	TRS
	2 nd	Arden Frylink	PAS	2 nd	Meg Billion	TRS
	3 rd	Lachlan Dalby	PAS	3 rd	Elizja Van Eck	TRS
	1 st	Semisi Kolope	TRS	1 st	Larissa Watter	TRS
16 Yrs	2 nd	Brandon King	TRS	2 nd	Annabella Massey	PAS
	3 rd	Ryan Elton	PAS	3 rd	Michelle Archer	LIV
	1 st	Christopher Johnston	PLG	1 st	Hannah Davies	PAS
17 Yrs	2 nd	Sam Gathercole	PLG	2 nd	Sarah Paech	TRS
	3 rd	Ryan Basson	PLG	3 rd	Nicola Carmichael	LIV
19 Yrs	1 st	Kurt Alexander	PAS	1 st	Kathryn Dunne	LIV
	2 nd	Levi Haak	TRS	2 nd	Ashley Wilson	PAS
	3 rd	Joshua Lalor	PLG	3 rd	Courtney Strydom	PAS

School Champions

BOYS	HOUSE	GIRLS	HOUSE
Ethan Burton	Pascal	Alexandrea Ryan	Pascal



Record Breakers

NAME	AGE	EVENT	NEW RECORD
		50m Freestyle	29.97
Ethan Burton	13	50m Backstroke	37.26
		50m Butterfly	34.79
Courtney	18	50m Backstroke	39.44
Strydom			



A full report of results from the day can be found on the Parent Lounge.

Calvary Netball

On Saturday 1 February, Calvary Netball held a Skills and Drills day for all returning and new players for the 2014 season. Four players from the Logan Wildcats (who play in the State League) and two of their coaches attended to give our players two hours of worthwhile training and fun to kick of the season. Mrs Alix Rasi (physiotherapist from Springwood Sports Health and College parent) also gave a presentation to the parents regarding strength, conditioning and injury prevention which is something our players and coaches will focus on more this year. The final registration day will be at Underwood Park on Saturday 8 February from 9.00am to 12.00pm











SPORTS NEWS

Student Fitness - Partnership with Jetts

Jetts Fitness Centre at Redland Bay has offered to work with Calvary Christian College in a variety of ways, this year. One of the initiatives to be offered is the opportunity for students to improve their physical fitness. Jetts will provide one of their instructors for two lunchtimes per week to run a program designed to improve physical fitness through games and exercise. The College PE staff are excited about this proposal as it will enhance the Physical Education program.

The program will run on Monday lunchtimes for the Middle School boys and Tuesday lunchtimes for the Middle School girls. Students will be permitted to wear their sports uniform to school those days if they do not have a scheduled CPE lesson. The program will be run in the Auditorium.

There is a cost for these sessions – the instructor's fee is \$60 per session. The amount charged per student will depend on how many take up this offer. For instance, if 10 students take up the offer then it will cost them \$6 per session, but if 30 students say "yes" then the cost will be only \$2 per session. There will be a set number of sessions for both the boys and girls and there will be a sign-on form available. The sessions will need to be paid for in advance.

The Term One dates are:

Boys: Monday February 17 and 24, March 3, 10, 17 and 24 Girls: Tuesday February 18 and 25, March 4, 11, 18 and 25.

Calvary Christian College PE staff will help supervise these sessions and encourage all Middle School students to participate. If you have any questions in relation to this offer, please contact Mrs Susan Prior who is the supervisor of the program. You can contact her by ringing the College Reception during school hours or email her either through the College info email or directly: susan.prior@calvarycc.qld.edu.au

Parent Lounge

In 2014 parents will have access to all relevant sporting information on the Parent Lounge, including carnival dates, trial dates and any relevant letters/information for current sporting events at the College. Students can also access this through the Calvary Christian College Sport link on Student Café. Please take the time to regularly check these sites as information will be continually updated.

Please Inform Us

We always intend to recognise our students' achievements in sport, and we have easy access to results for school-based competitions and trials. When it comes to sporting achievements outside of Calvary sport, please let us know if your child has performed at an exceptional level so that we can also give them some recognition. Email details to info@calvarycc.qld.edu.au if your son/daughter has been selected in representative teams or has performed well at representative level competitions. Please also include any photos that we can use.

Sports Coordination

In 2014 all sports coordination in the Middle and Senior Schools will be centrally administered by Mr James Colefax. For all sporting enquiries and information for parents and students, please contact Mr Colefax at sport@calvarycc.qld.edu.au or refer to information posted on the Parent Lounge.

Track and Field

In the Christmas holidays the Australian All Schools Track and Field Championships were held in Townsville. Two of our star performers from last year competed with the following results:

- Arden Frylink 10th in Under 16 200m Hurdles (2nd in his age 14 year olds) and 12th in Under 16 100m Hurdles (3rd in his age)
- Lauren Woodward 3rd (bronze medal) in Under 14 Javelin (personal best throw of 37.17m)

These are outstanding performances and fully deserved given the dedicated training and commitment from these athletes.



Children and music go together! One of the pleasures in life is the sound of clapping hands, singing voices and the playing of musical instruments. Humans have been making sounds and inventing ways to produce sounds since the beginning of time. Whether it is the beat of little hands on pots and pans or the discovery of being able to whistle or play an instrument, music is a delight to the ear and to the soul. Music is very good for your child.

After the success of last year, we are looking forward to 2014 with great anticipation. We are still able to take enrolments for all tuition programs but students wishing to learn an instrument through our performance music program need to enrol as soon as possible as some teachers are almost fully booked for lessons. You can enrol by contacting our Director of Performance Music, barry.warden@calvarycc.qld.edu.au or phone him on 3209 0265 to arrange for an enrolment form to be sent to you. He will also assess students to help find the instrument most suited to their gifts and abilities.

We are pleased to reintroduce **Music Camp** for our three senior ensembles, Concert Choir, Senior Strings and Symphonic Band. This year's camp will be held on Thursday 20 and Friday 21 March at the Queensland Conference and Camping Centre at Brookfield. Students involved will be given details at their rehearsals.

Other important dates for this year are the Redlands Eisteddfod in July/August (actual dates to be finalised), Christmas in July on Thursday 31 July, Calvary Carnival on Saturday 13 September and Calvary Showcase "Picture This" on Friday 24 October. More details on all these events plus other performances will be forwarded closer to the dates. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you would like information on music lessons or performances opportunities available through our extensive performance music program.

Barry Warden, Director of Performance Music

SHOW TEAM





The Meat Breeds Sheep National Finals for 2013 were held in Fielding, New Zealand on 7 December 2013. Queensland was well represented in the competition by Miss Georgia Lee who was part of Calvary Christian College's graduating class for 2013. Georgia performed exceptionally well in a talented field from around Australia and new Zealand and in a tight finish she placed fourth.

Georgia has competed in the Queensland Agricultural Show circuit representing Calvary Christian College for the past six years as part of the College's Sheep Show Team. During this time, she made many valuable contributions to the team by mentoring and encouraging her fellow team members. This year, the team is planning an action-packed year of shows with new seniors to fill Georgia's shoes. However, they won't lose Georgia alltogether as she plans to still compete and judge the Meat Breeds Sheep competitions for a few more years in her spare time while completing a duel bachelor degree in Psychology and Criminal Justice.

Well done, Georgia, and good luck Sheep Show Team! For more information on the Sheep Show Team or to join in all the fun please contact our Agricultural Science Teacher, Kirsty Hart



It's time to celebrate Café Connects 2nd birthday!

To help us celebrate this special event, the Café has a birthday special on offer during the week of 10 February - 14 February 2014.



Free Birthday cupcake with every Hot drink purchase!

Come on in for a coffee and join in the birthday celebrations!

CAFÉ CONNECTS NEW HOURS

As of 17 February 2014, the Café will now be open Wednesday, Thursday and Friday each week during Term 1, 2014. Open for Breakfast, Morning Tea, Lunch, afternoon tea or just a cuppa!

SUMMER THEATRE CLUB



While most staff and students were off enjoying a break away were from school activities, Theatre Club carried on, as some of Brisbane's most exciting shows are on during the holidays. Ms Prouten, Mrs McNulty, Mr Coles and a group of 17 students and alumni sampled the best of live theatre from across a range of styles and theatres.

This season we were lucky to see a real variety, from community theatre to internationally artists. Shows included:

- ⇒ Little Shop of Horrors at Brisbane Arts Theatre
- ⇒ *The Nutcracker* by Queensland Ballet
- ⇒ Chitty Chitty Bang Bang at QPAC
- ⇒ Romeo and Juliet adaptation at La Boite
- ⇒ The Illusionists 2.0 at QPAC

Students reflected:

"I enjoyed Little Shop of Horrors the most as I was impressed and entertained by the amateur production." – TJ Morley-Buchanan (Year Eleven)

"The Illusionists 2.0 was my favourite show because of the crazy tricks they did!" – Erin Lee (Year Twelve)

"I really enjoyed the Romeo and Juliet production because of the really different and interesting way the story was portrayed." – Dayna Zimmerman (Year Eleven)

"The best show was Chitty Chitty Bang Bang because it was very interesting, entertaining and the musical numbers were really impressive." – Rachel Rasi (Year Eleven)

This year Theatre Club is diversifying: we will have an even more comprehensive club for our senior students which is, open to all students in Years Eleven and Twelve (they need not study drama to join). This year we will attend more than sixteen of the best professional, amateur and community theatre events in Brisbane. In addition, this year we are introducing Theatre Club Lite: for students in Years Seven -Ten. This group will see a number of age-appropriate professional performances in Brisbane and the Gold Coast. The 2014 season is being prepared, with shows including *Cats* starring Marina Prior, *The King and I*, a nationally touring production starring Lisa McClune, the Queensland Theatre Company's presentation of *Macbeth* and many other productions. For further information or to obtain permission forms please contact Student Reception or Mr Gavin Coles.



CHAPLAIN'S CORNER

Welcome to this New Year of 2014!

I hope your holiday break was restful, relaxing and a blessing to you and your family. I would like to extend a special welcome to all the new students and families who have joined our community this year. I hope and pray that your experience with us will be a time of happiness and joy as you watch your children grow and flourish here at Calvary.

Chaplain's Corner

Over the years, I or a member of the Chaplaincy Team have written an article in every Connections edition with the intention of creating something positive and inspiring for college families. Look out for these articles as I am sure they will be interesting and insightful.

Growing Healthy Organic Children

As some of you might know, I enjoy growing vegetables and growing them as 'organically' as possible. Over the holidays, I read an insightful gardening book written by Don Burke (you may remember 'Burke's Backyard'). In the book, Don shares his expertise in establishing healthy, organic, vegetable gardens. Following are some of his basic pointers:

- 1. Be happy and content with the soil you have. Imported soil is usually of poor quality.
- 2. Add a healthy balanced diet of additives such as manure, trace elements and organic matter. Not too much and not too little.
- 3. Think long term. Don states that it takes up to ten years to create high quality soil.
- 4. Spend time in the garden watering, weeding and working the soil.
- 5. Sow the right crops in the right season of the year. Good timing and a clear understanding of the environment produces results.

I am sure by now you are starting to make the parallels between building healthy and productive soil and growing beautiful children into healthy and 'fruitful' adults. When I think about the comparisons, these are the points that come to my mind:

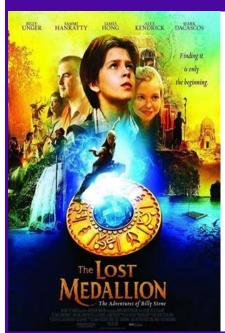
- 1. Be happy and grateful for the children you have been blessed with because you cannot trade them in nor get an 'upgrade'.
- 2. In today's consumeristic and economy-driven culture, it is easy to think of 'outsourcing' many of the parental responsibilities to professional institutions such as schools, churches and sport/recreation clubs. The College believes that parents have the primary responsibility of raising their children and should work in 'partnership' with Christian communities to help children with their education, spiritual formation (discipleship) and sport/recreation skills. It is important for your children to get involved with these communities.
- 3. Think long term. Parents need to have faith that their positive parenting and healthy interaction with their children will pay off in the long run.
- 4. Children need quality and quantity time with their parents. Working with your children and weeding out misbeliefs is essential.
- 5. A clear understanding of your children and the fast-changing world they live in will always maximise your children's potential.

May I also encourage you as parents to spend some family time in prayer as your children commence a new year of Christian schooling (maybe around the dinner table and before bed).

May God bless you and your family as you commit yourselves to God's wonderful purposes for the year.

Verse to rehearse: "For I know the plans I have for you," declares the Lord, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." (Jeremiah 29: 11)

Blessings from Pastor Jim and the Chaplaincy Team.



FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

The Chaplaincy team, along with the P&F Committees from both campuses, will be holding an exciting and fun new fundraising event for the whole family – FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT. This event is designed to build community across the College and to help raise funds for our chaplaincy services across the College. The details are as follows:

DATE: Friday 21 February, 2014

TIME: 5.00pm – 8.00pm

MOVIE: The Lost Medallion (PG) starts at 6.15pm

VENUE: The Calvary Community Centre – Carbrook Campus **COST:** \$5 per person or \$20 per family for movie tickets

FOOD ON SALE: Hamburgers (\$5) Sausages & Bread (\$2), Drinks, Popcorn, Treats, Tea/Coffee

and Speciality Coffees.

BYO: Rugs and pillows (or a fold up chair if you would rather sit)

The Lost Medallion is a family, action adventure film suitable for children, aged six to fourteen, as well as parents and grandparents. The movie contains good family values so come along with your whole family, enjoy a meal and movie with the College community. If you would like to attend, please contact the College office by Monday 17 February, 2014. **Money can be paid at the event**.

LIBRARY NEWS

Check out your local council library

Our local libraries are fantastic resources that we can all take advantage of. (I have just booked seats through my library to see one of my favourite authors, Alexander McCall Smith, who is visiting Brisbane in March as part the Lord Mayor's Writers-in-Residence series.) To find out what is happening subscribe, as I do, to an e-newsletter from your local council libraries. The link to Logan library events calendar is

http://libevents.logan.qld.gov.au/eventcalendar.asp?ln=ALL

Here is an example of just one of the regular activities available for free at a council library. This event is at Wynnum Library:

Meet Samantha Wheeler

When Rose and Gran save a baby koala from a pack of bloodhungry dogs, he's named Smooch because he loves to cuddle. With the help of a wildlife carer, Carol, Rose and her dog Lizzie look after Smooch until he is old enough to make the trees on their strawberry farm his home. But things change for the worse when Gran receives a letter from the bank and Rose's home is suddenly at stake.

Join Samantha Wheeler, the author of Smooch and Rose, as she tells the story of writing her novel and shares some great tips for young writers. Ideal for children aged 7-12 years. Bookings essential - Saturday, 15 February | 10 - 11am Wynnum Library

Local libraries are doing great things – and free to join. We encourage all of our students to become members of their local library and take advantage of this great facility.

Denise Stephenson, Head of Library Services

LOGAN UNITING CHURCH

Logan Uniting Church is a large church that doesn't gather in large numbers. Rather we gather across South East Queensland in Faith Life Groups, small accountability groups and on Sundays at our Springwood and Carbrook campus's, as well as our two co-located aged care facilities, for corporate worship events.

Logan Uniting Church is multi-generational, multi-cultural, multisited and multi-faceted.

Our school, Calvary Christian College, and our Soccer Club are innovative outreach opportunities to our community and allow us to form meaningful relationships with large numbers of individuals and families in Logan.

Come and join us sometime at one of our worship events! -

- 8:30am weekly, or 6pm on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month at Springwood (129 Dennis Rd, Springwood)
- 10am on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month at Carbrook (Calvary Community Centre - Calvary Christian College, Carbrook)

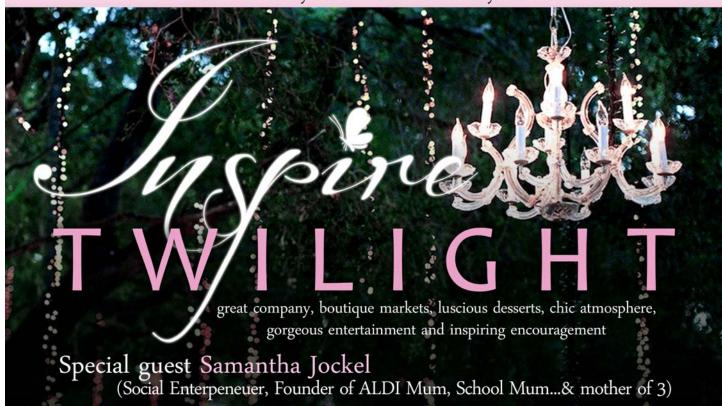
Marriage Course at Carbrook

Looking to invest in the most important relationship in your life? 'The Marriage Course' is very practical, giving any married couple the tools to maintain a strong and healthy marriage to last a lifetime. It runs over seven evenings and is guided by stimulating video-segments. Couples sit at tables for two and talk privately about important aspects of marriage while enjoying dessert and hot beverages.

For more info contact Alex and Dorothy Young on 3343 6709 or adjy@optusnet.com.au

For more information on our church contact the office on 3387 5777 or info@luc.org.au or visit the website at www.luc.org.au

7pm, Friday 7 March 2014 Under the stars by the Carbrook Community Centre



P&F NEWS

Springwood News

Welcome back, or to all our new families, welcome to Calvary Christian College. Thank you to those people who attended our AGM on Wednesday night. We appreciate the support that we receive from our Springwood families.

We've already pencilled in this year's activities which will include the Calvary Carnival on the 13 September. More details will be sent out during the year.

Our first activity for the year is on Friday 21 February when we support our Chaplains by selling soft drinks at their Movie Night, "The Lost Medallion" at the Carbrook Campus. We need a couple of attendants to set up and man the stall from about 4:30 pm through until the movie starts. If you would be available to help, we would love to hear from you by either completing the form which has been sent home or via our email springwood.pandf@calvarycc.qld.edu.au.

Looking forward to a fantastic year! The Springwood P&F Team

Carbrook News

Welcome to 2014! We're looking forward to a great year of working together with parents and staff to give back to our College community, and hope you will join us in the endeavour.

Our first meeting for the year is the AGM, which will be held on **Wednesday 12 February at 7.00pm** in the boardroom of the administration building. We encourage you to attend as it is an opportunity for you to vote in new executive committee members and see a new team take shape. Maybe you would like to be one of the new team! Nominations are open for positions on the executive committee and on our various subcommittees, and we ask you to consider if this is a way you could make a valuable contribution to our community.

TUCKSHOP NEWS

From the beginning of 2014, the tuckshop will be operated as a partnership between the College and Metropolitan Canteens. As part of this partnership, the proceeds of the Tuckshop will be shared between the College and Metro Canteens.

Metropolitan Canteens is highly experienced in school tuckshops and is willing to work alongside the College to provide an excellent tuckshop service to the College Community. The success of Metropolitan Canteens is due to their commitment to provide customer satisfaction through a range of nourishing, interesting and quality foods at reasonable prices. The other good news is that there will be limited change or impact on students and families including the ability to continue to place online orders through Flexischools at www.flexischools.com.au

The College would like to acknowledge the work of our previous Convenor Roxane McArdle who has been the Tuckshop Convenor since 2002. Roxane has decided to leave the College and we wish Roxane God's blessing for her future endeavours.

The system of tuckshop volunteers is unchanged and we always welcome old and new volunteers to be part of this College service. If you would like to be a Tuckshop volunteer please contact the College.

Please welcome Paula Burke to the tuckshop as the new Tuckshop Convenor. Check out the new menu on Flexischools and enjoy the fresh foods prepared on site using low fat and fresh ingredients!

If you would like to send feedback, please email the Business Manager at info@calvarycc.gld.edu.au

COLLEGE EVENTS CALENDAR

February

Monday	10	Yr Nine Info Nights
Tuesday	11	JS (C) District Swimming
		JS (C) Information Night
Wednesday	12	Yr Seven Camp (12-14 February)
		JS (S) Information Night
		P&F AGM (C)
Thursday	13	Yr Seven Camp
Friday	14	Yr Seven Camp
Monday	17	MS/SS District Swimming
		JS (S) Ambassador Induction
Tuesday	18	College Photos (C)
		2015 Prep Information Evening (C)
Wednesday	19	Yr 8/10 Immunisations
		2015 Prep Information Evening (S)
Thursday	20	JS (C) Ambassador Induction
Friday	21	JS (C) Swimming Carnival Yr 4-6
		Family Movie Night
Thursday	27	Principal's Tour (S)
Friday	28	Principal's Tour (C)

March

Monday	3	MS/SS Regional Swimming
Wednesday	5	MS/SS Regional Swimming
		P&F (S)
Friday	7	Grandparents Day JS (S)
		Pittsworth Livestock show (7-8 March)
		Inspire Women's Conference.

2014 Term Dates

Term One: Tuesday 28 January until Friday 4 April

Term Two: Tuesday 22 April until Friday 20 June

Term Three: Wednesday 16 July until Friday 19 September

Term Four: Tuesday 7 October until Friday 5 December.

For Public Holidays and Pupil Free days for 2014, please log onto: www.calvarycc.qld.edu.au



Absentee: Carbrook 3030 2957 Springwood : 3030 5925