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Much to give thanks and rejoice for!

There were many wonderful experiences in the life of the school last week and I hope you have picked some of those up through your own experience, hearing from a child as they came home at the end of a day, or by some images in this or next week's RCCC Newsletter. For me there were a variety of conversations, face to face or over the phone, with young and older people; there were treasures and trials shared with me by our youngest students; fun activities as a school at the Moama pool; the Swan Class engaging with residents of BUPA, searching for rubbish to collect near BUPA and then around Rotary Park; sharing some of the food cooked by the Snowy Class; welcoming Tom Ryan from the Royal Flying Doctor Service into the school; driving the last student home on the Town Bus route Friday afternoon, and so much more.

People often ask me how the school is going or how is it in the role of Principal. It's easy to respond regarding the many things to be done and the limited time to do them in, or some other element where it's tough going at the time of being asked. However, as I reflect over any given week as I pack up to head home, or look forward across a coming week, I am forever grateful for the place where God has planted me and the way He equips and uses me for the work I'm in the midst of here. It doesn't necessarily mean that my "to do" list gets actioned any quicker but I know this is where He has planted me, I know He will support and sustain me and there's much joy in the midst.

"Rejoice always, pray continually, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus."
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18



My hope is built on nothing less.

I have been reminded of this great old hymn which proclaims "My hope is built on nothing less, than Jesus Christ, my righteousness; I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name. On Christ, the solid Rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand, all other ground is sinking sand."

At the core of our relationship with God is love, joy, peace and hope which are well set within the Scripture we are turning our attention to for the rest of this term, Romans 5: *1 Therefore, since we have been justified through faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, 2 through whom we have gained access by faith into this grace in which we now stand. And we boast in the hope of the glory of God. 3 Not only so, but we also glory in our sufferings, because we know that suffering produces perseverance; 4 perseverance, character; and character, hope. 5 And hope does not put us to shame, because God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us. 6 You see, at just the right time, when we were still powerless, Christ died for the ungodly. 7 Very rarely will anyone die for a righteous person, though for a good person someone might possibly dare to die. 8 But God demonstrates his own love for us in this: While we were still sinners, Christ died for us. 9 Since we have now been justified by his blood, how much more shall we be saved from God's wrath through him! 10 For if, while we were God's enemies, we were reconciled to him through the death of his Son, how much more, having been reconciled, shall we be saved through his life! 11 Not only is this so, but we also boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.*

Romans 5:5-8, the highlighted portion above, is what we are initially encouraging students to memorise but it's all good and helpful as we move forward in this life God has given us, as we consider what our hope is grounded in.

Peter Nelson

Wisdom Integrity Compassion

Prayer Points

- Please be praying for the Ovens Class (Years 9/10) who, along with Mrs Ling Schuller and Mr Alan Corby will be away on camp at Mt Buller this week from Tuesday to Friday.
- Gratitude for the faithful people over the years and around us today who are supporting and protecting the school community through prayer.
- For the people at BUPA, residents and staff, who the Swan Class shared with last Friday.
- Just as the RCCC pioneers were moved by God to consider a different way for their children's education almost 40 years ago, as we approach and move beyond this significant milestone, please continue in prayer and listening for what God now wants us to be and to do as a school community.

Parents and friends are also welcome to a time of prayer for the school each Monday during the school term, 8.50am to 9.15am, in the meeting room off the front office.

Fun Run on Monday 16th March

This annual RCCC mission fundraiser and an event that helps select students to represent us at the Christian Schools Events Network's annual Cross-Country Running Event in Melbourne later this year, starts off at about **9.30am on Monday March 16th**. The run is for the whole school with a shorter route for Primary students and while the hope is for all to run most of the route, people can at least do a brisk walk for part of it.

The event starts and finishes on the school oval but extends around part of Rotary Park. Please come prepared in your **sports uniform** for this day and parents are welcome to cheer on the participants.

Sponsorship forms were sent home last Friday and it's hoped that all students can collect sponsors so that we can further support the child we sponsor in Rwanda through Compassion and also the Echuca Community Food Bank. If you need another sponsorship form, please ask at the school front office.

RCCC Board Meeting

The school Board met last Wednesday for its normal monthly meeting. This follows our recent annual financial audit and the start of preparation for the River City Christian College Inc. Annual General Meeting scheduled for Wednesday evening May 27th. All seems to be going well and the next Board meeting is scheduled for Wednesday evening March 18th. If you have any questions or comments regarding the operation of the College that can't be handled through the school staff, please contact the Board through the Principal (Peter Nelson) or by leaving a message at the school office for the Board Chairman (Peter Costello) to contact you.

School Working Bee

Our first working bee for this year is from 8am to 12 noon on Saturday March 14th as we get together at the school to catch up on some building and grounds maintenance tasks. Please come when you can and leave when you need to but we hope to have morning tea together at about 10.30am so try to be there for that! We will plan to have the tools and materials needed but if you have some tools or protective equipment that you prefer to use, please bring them along.

Peter Nelson

Parent Teacher Meetings, Wednesday March 25th

Booking request information will be out soon for these meetings that occur during a couple of hours after school on March 25th.

This is another opportunity to share information between parents and teachers so as we are all better equipped to support the development of the young people who are part of RCCC. Please note this in your diaries.

Southern Cross Kids Camp Movie Fundraiser "I Still Believe"

Thursday, 19th March, starting at 7pm is this special fundraiser for SKKC to be held at the Paramount Theatre, Echuca.

Tickets are \$20 and include supper after the movie. Get your tickets from the school office or at the door.

Merit Award Winners for Term 1 week 04

Trinity Attwell for her caring attitude towards all that she does. She willingly has a go and doesn't give up. She is a lovely compassionate student.

Simon Evans for his great contribution to discussion during Christian Living-Mrs McDonald

Simon Evans for his decent integrity within Health and Sport-Mr Schuller

Erin Francis for her great effort in both Maths and Science classes

Ally Harrison for her great leadership and community building at Water Games Day

Chelsea Putt-Atley for her wonderful efforts during English and Humanities classes

Heidi Putt-Atley for her great leadership and community building at Water Games Day

Congratulations everyone!

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Class of the week is Ovens

Well done to the amazing students in Years 9-10

Nearly the end of the first month at school for our Preps

This means that Wednesday this week is their last scheduled rest day away from school and next week will be their first full week at school!

Help Needed – Lost Property

Billye Sinapius has lost her named (under the label) sports warm up jacket, size 8. Can you help her find it please?

2C'S CHILDREN'S CHRISTIAN CAMP

FOR CHILDREN IN YEAR 4, 5 & 6

COROP CAMP 1

DATES: 30th March - 3rd April 2020

COST: \$270*

ORGANISER:

Cam and Jennie Gillies

Wesleyan Methodist Church Wangaratta

COROP CAMP 2

DATES: 5th - 9th April 2020

COST: \$270*

ORGANISER:

Stephen and Esther Hunter

Shepparton South Community Church

ANGLESEA CAMP

DATES: 6th - 9th April 2020

COST: \$210

ORGANISER:

Willem Handreck & Hannah Morley

Goodlife Church, Sunshine Coast

City On a Hill, Geelong

COROP CAMPS:

1 camper: \$270, **2 campers:** \$520, **3 campers:** \$750,
4 campers: \$960

ANGLESEA:

1 camper: \$210, **2 campers:** \$400, **3 campers:** \$580

For more information go to:

<http://www.thecampingprogram.org.au/2cs>

2020 Water Games Day

Last Tuesday, the students of River City Christian College participated in the annual **Water Games Day** that involved a wide variety of swimming events and water games including *invisible bottle* underwater search, *hoop race*, *water octopus* and find the *ping pong* balls. Our yearly staff vs students relay race was on again with lots of enthusiastic staff and students both participating and cheering us on. Unfortunately, the students won and sadly the staff couldn't retain their winning title from last year. Student attendance was quite high and very, very positive. Some of the fastest swimmers on the day included (but not only limited to): Riley Pichler, Michael Pikokivaka, Rowan Whitfield, Sebastian Luckman-Grey, Mia Grey, Gaby Attwell, Georgia Wiltshire, Billye Sinapius and Jahleel Atkinson. A special thanks to all the staff and parents that helped make this event possible. Finally, we thank our Lord who protected us and continues to watch over the well-being of our students here at River City Christian College.



Article written by Mr Peter Schuller and photos taken by Mrs. Choy Leung, Chelsea Putt-Atley and Harmony Rose.

School Calendar of Events

Mar 2020	2 Theatre sports workshop Week 5	3 Yr 9/10 High Country Camp	4 Yr 9/10 High Country Camp Playgroup	5 Yr 9/10 High Country Camp	6 Yr 9/10 High Country Camp	7	8
	9 Labour Day Public Holiday Week 6	10	11 Yr 7 Immunisation. Playgroup	12	13 Beacon Business Breakfast	14 Working Bee	15
	16 Fun Run "Mission" fundraiser Week 7	17	18 Yr 7/8 camp Playgroup	19 Yr 7/8 camp	20 Yr 7/8 camp	21	22
	23 Harmony Day NAPLAN practice test Week 8	24	25 Playgroup Parent/Teacher meetings	26	27 Last day of Term 1. Easter assembly. 2.15pm dismissal	28 Holidays	29 Holidays
	30 Holidays	31 Holidays	1 Holidays	2 Holidays	3 Holidays	4 Holidays	5 Holidays Daylight Savings ends
Apr 2020	6 Holidays	7 Holidays	8 Holidays	9 Holidays	10 Good Friday Holidays	11 Holidays	12 Easter Sunday Holidays
	13 Easter Monday Week 1	14 1 st day Term 2	15 Playgroup	16 Yr 10 Immunisations	17	18	19
	20 Road Smart session – Yr 10 Week 2	21	22 Playgroup	23	24 BUPA	25 ANZAC DAY	26
	27 Week 3	28	29 Playgroup	30	1	2	3

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