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Remembering

At 11am on Wednesday last week, we stopped as a school community to be silent for a minute and remember the courage and sacrifice of those who served their country through times of war, acknowledging our responsibility to continue to work for the peace they fought hard to achieve. Once again we were privileged to have before us a beautiful wreath that Abigail Tucker and Dylan Putt-Atley made together with Mrs Jenny Miller.

As I prepared for this time of remembrance, I was reminded of this Scripture from Romans 15:

We who are strong ought to bear with the failings of the weak and not to please ourselves. Each of us should please our neighbours for their good, to build them up. For even Christ did not please himself but, as it is written: "The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me." For everything that was written in the past was written to teach us, so that through the endurance taught in the Scriptures and the encouragement they provide we might have hope. May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that



with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Accept one another, then, just as Christ accepted you, in order to bring praise to God.

I want to be a peacemaker but I can't do it in my own strength. I first need to live in this acceptance that Christ shows to me and, with His help, deal with my own desires that battle within me. As it states in the letter from James, we need to submit ourselves to God. We need to resist the devil, and he will flee from us. We need to come near to God and he

will come near to us. We need to humble yourselves before God, and He will lift us up.

Remembering is somewhat of the easy part on special days such as November 11th, but it takes significant personal courage, sacrifice and humility if we are to experience real peace within and in so doing, be of some use as peacemakers for the sake of others, giving the praise and worship back to God that He deserves.

Peter Nelson, a work in progress.

Wisdom Integrity Compassion

Prayer Points:

Prayer for the Swan Class as they go on excursion today to Swan Hill.
Gratefulness for God's sustaining and faithfulness in the midst of difficult times.
For God's wisdom, compassion and integrity in the challenges we face.
For the RCCC Board as it meets this week to consider a number of matters including the 2021 budget.
As we continue to consider the different areas of the school, please particularly pray this week for our **specialist spaces** for Art/ Science, Wood, Food, IT/Chinese, Library, Physical Education indoors and out, plus the various staff who frequent these spaces including Mr Peter Schuller, Mrs Ling Schuller, Mr Alan Corby, Mrs Carlyne McDonald, Mrs Choy Leung, Mrs Karen Mills and Mrs Lyndell Nelson.
For positive relationships, respect and peace to flow within all aspects of our school community as we seek a deeper relationship with Christ.
Following in the steps of our RCCC pioneers, praying for and pursuing what God now wants us to be and to do as a school community as we move toward and beyond our 40 year milestone.

While prayer can be at anytime and anywhere, parents and friends are also welcome to unite in prayer at home or at school each Monday during the school term, 8.55am to 9.15am. If at school, this will be in the Library for now.

Triumph is made up of 2 words...

Try and Umph!

2020 RCCC Parent Survey

Attached to last week's Newsletter was our brief annual survey where we seek written feedback from Parents and Carers of our current students. It's best when we give and receive feedback, positive and negative, at the time a related matter arises but none-the-less, it's also good to stop to reflect and so provide feedback from a broader perspective. We therefore offer this form as one way to do that and we hope quite a number of our current Parents and Carers will make use of this opportunity, returning their completed forms by Monday November 23rd. If you missed your form, please contact Joan at the School office.
Many thanks, Peter Nelson

Celebration and Awards Event

While this annual event will still occur on **Wednesday December 9th**, it will not be in the evening and will **only be able to be attended by students and staff**. I am sorry to share this news with you as this has been a significant RCCC community gathering for many years now but given the current restrictions, the preference to have it indoors and the nature of the program, we have needed to finalise an approach now and move forward in making it happen.

The event will most likely be after recess on last RCCC day for students (9/12). **This will be a normal school day from 8.55am to 3.15pm where all students will need to be in their full summer uniform (no sports uniform)**. The event will follow very closely to our normal evening program but we will video it and make that **video available** to all parents by the end of Thursday 10/12. This will be via a special purpose web link which we will ask you not to pass on to others outside of the RCCC community. The link will only remaining active for a limited period of time and for those who do not have such internet access, we will provide a DVD. If you have any concerns regarding these arrangements, please contact me as soon as possible so that we can suitably consider them.

Semester 2 reports and The Rock (school magazine) will be sent home with the eldest RCCC student in your family on December 9th, in a sealed envelope.

Peter Nelson

AWETISM 2020 Virtual Expo

This is a free event on Friday November 20th from 9am to 8pm, showcasing the awe-inspiring talents of Autistic students across the nation. This will include presentations by Autistic students, panel discussions, showcases (which will include a couple of RCCC students), interest group sessions, professional development for teachers and a forum for parents and carers.

This event is being run by the I CAN Network who deliver mentoring programs that RCCC participate in, professional development workshops in schools, workplaces and online, with the aim of further building inclusive school and work cultures. Please visit www.icannetwork.com.au for more info and to register for the AWETISM 2020 Virtual Expo.

A New Parenting Resource to the RCCC Library

The Wonder of Living is a video program of three short sessions providing a guide to growing up, the story of babies, birth and puberty. This family friendly, value-filled, all Australian resource was updated once again in 2019 and has proven to be of great value to many families over the years. Available in USB format and backed up with a range of resources including a small book, it comes from the Open Doors organisation in Melbourne and is very suitable for parents to simply work through with their young children and early-teens. Please contact the RCCC Library if you would like to borrow it.

Merit Awards, Term 4 week 06 awarded to:

Phoebe Johnstone for 100 nights reading award

Bobby Wiltshire for 25 nights of reading award

Gabriella Attwell for her consistently high effort in all that she does: learning, helping others and being a faithful Christian girl

Sebastian Luckman-Grey for patiently supporting a class mate to write a poem

Tom McDonald for patiently supporting a class mate to write a poem.

Georgia Wiltshire for her compassion and open love of God

Simon Evans for his continual perseverance in PE each week

Mia Grey for her continual perseverance in PE each week

Jack McDonald for his continual perseverance in PE each week

Rowan Whitfield for his continual perseverance in PE each week

Chelsea Putt-Atley for her excellent encouragement and guidance of a prep student during a cross-age activity

Harmony Rose for her wonderful encouragement of a prep student

Chloe Borg for her effort in English and Humanities

Luke Broad for his good effort in his Maths test

Congratulations everyone!

Student Representative Council**SRC Award**

Primary Award goes to Abigail Tucker for the way she includes others

Secondary Award goes to Matthew Campbell for his willingness to help others

Class of the week is Swan

Well done to the amazing students in Years 3-6

RCCC 40th Anniversary

We are recognising this significant milestone in the following ways:

Praying—Following in the steps of our RCCC pioneers, praying for and pursuing what God now wants us to be and to do as a school community.

Thanksgiving—At 2pm on Sunday December 6th, in the car park of RCCC, we will pray, praise, give thanks and be encouraged in our faith. A plaque will be unveiled at the foot of a new cross which is about to be installed, a new school flag will be flown on one of three new flagpoles that are about to be put in place, a recently prepared overview of the school's history will be available, and light refreshments will be provided. If you would like to attend this time, **we need your registration with Joan Cardwell at the school office by November 30th** as we try to manage this event in the midst of the restrictions that are likely to exist at the time.

Commissioning—The annual commissioning of the RCCC Board and Staff, 10.30am on Sunday February 14th 2021 at the Echuca Church of Christ where a meeting occurred late in 1980 that gave birth to the school at the start of the following year. There will be more details of this early next year.

Yours faithfully, Peter Nelson

We want to hear the voices
of people aged 12-25 years

headspace Echuca

Echuca Regional Health are holding a co-design workshop at Echuca College. The workshop will be run by facilitators guiding you through activities to hear your voices for the Echuca headspace Centre.

To attend this workshop please scan the QR code for more information and fill out the consent form attached or email jmasters@erh.org.au for more details.

When:

Tuesday 1st December 2020
4:30pm-6:30pm

Where:

Echuca College, 20-50 Butcher St Echuca
Due to COVID19 restrictions there are limited places available.

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School Calendar of Events

Nov 2020	2 No staff or students (report writing) Week 5	3 Cup Day Public Holiday	4	5	6	7	8
	9 Week 6	10 Prep Intro #2	11 Remembrance Day	12 Life Ed visit - Primary	13	14	15
	16 Swan class excursion Week 7	17 Beacon Planning Meeting	18	19	20 I CAN online Expo	21	22
	23 Week 8	24 Prep Intro #3	25	26 Beacon AGM & Leaders' dinner	27 BUPA	28	29
	30 Week 9	1	2	3	4	5	6 RCCC Thanksgiving – 40 years of service 2pm
Dec 2020	7 Week 10	8 2021 Orientation	9 Last day students, Final Assembly Yr 10, Celebration & Awards Event Normal dismissal	10 Last day teaching staff Staff lunch	11	12	13
	14	15 Last day RCCC office	16	17	18	19	20

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