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Are we Prepared?

This week in chapel I spoke about being prepared. Are you a person who likes to be fully prepared or are you someone who just allows things to just happen around you? Maybe you do some planning and then hope for the best.

All of us do some preparation but in **Matthew 24:44**. Jesus said, "So you also must be ready, because the Son of Man will come at an hour when you do not expect him."

How can we be ready for Jesus coming?

In a race the starter says, ready, set, go. If the starter just said go, there would be no warning and the runners would be taken by surprise, so they have to be alert and move as soon as they hear the starters call. Jesus has given us the warning so while we don't know when, we do know he is coming and so it won't be a surprise.

If the runners are to run to their full potential they need to begin their preparation well before race day. The runners need to have been in training and getting to peak fitness. As Christians we need to be

at peak fitness for the coming kingdom. How do we become more and more Christlike? We need the Holy Spirit to be building the fruit of the Spirit into our lives.

So, this week in particular, let us focus on praying for more love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

Have a great week. Corbz



Busy workers clearing the mulch from the playground at lunchtime, although we're not really sure why!

Enrolments for 2021

Enrolment inquiries for 2021 are still welcome. If you know of someone who may be interested in attending RCCC in the future, please get them to contact the school office as soon as possible so that we can try to assist them.

Similarly, we seek one term's notice for students (other than our departing Year 10's) who will be leaving the College.

Wisdom Integrity Compassion

Prayer Points:

That in all things God's Word, Truth and Way will be honoured within the life of RCCC and that His peace, grace and love will be increasingly known in our midst.

The 2021 Preps, plus those in other classes who will be new to RCCC in 2021, as they join us for Orientation Day on Tuesday December 8th.

Wisdom and peace for our current Year 10s as they endeavour to clarify their plans for 2021 and beyond.

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.

The Victorian Parliament as it considers the Change or Suppression (Conversion) Practices Prohibition Bill which has a number of very concerning aspects to it.

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.

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 now 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 December 1st** 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

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 the 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 remain 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

Wednesday December 9th – the final 2020 day for students!

Further to the item on this page regarding our Celebration and Awards Event, please note that on this day:

- Students need to be in their **full summer uniform** – not sports uniforms or casual clothes
- Normal **3.15pm dismissal**
- If at all possible, **please bring along non-perishable food for us to donate** to the Echuca Salvos and their relief centre service.

Board News

The school Board met the week before last for its normal monthly meeting and amongst other matters, approved the school's 2021 budget. As mentioned last month, there will be no increase in school fees between 2020 and 2021 which makes balancing the budget a little more difficult. We believe this is the right way to go and we seek your ongoing support through paying your fees promptly, talking with Mrs Helen Jakobi or myself if you're having difficulty with your payments and, over all, praying about these matters. The next monthly Board meeting is scheduled for January 20th, 2021.

Merit Awards, Term 4 week 08 awarded to:

Phoebe Johnstone being a great leader and helping younger students

Trinity Attwell for being a happy, co-operative student

Jack Johnstone for being a happy, co-operative student

Chloe Grey for her kindness to others

Congratulations everyone!

The final event for our 2021 Beacon Leaders



On Thursday evening last week, Paige Doherty and Michael Pikokivaka attended the Echuca Moama Beacon Foundation's AGM where Michael was one of the speakers. Afterwards was a dinner to recognise the Beacon Leaders from the five Echuca Moama Secondary schools which seemed to be enjoyed by all. Paige and Michael have fulfilled their roles this year, both as Beacon Leaders and SRC members, in a confident and helpful manner, representing RCCC in a very positive way. Ling Schuller and Peter Nelson

Orientation Day – Tuesday December 8th

This is a day when we gather in our 2021 class groupings for a special timetable as we get to know one another a little better and lay some foundations for the 2021 school year. Miss Emma Jackel will be joining us to lead the new Grade 5/6 Swan Class, while Mrs Helen Coughlin will lead the new Grade 2/3/4 Campaspe Class.

- Normal school day from 8.55am to 3.15pm, bringing your own snack, lunch & water bottle as usual. Our new Preps will leave at noon.
- Parents are welcome to stay for a 9am cuppa / chat in our Library. This will be an opportunity to get to know others a little better and have some questions answered – Peter Nelson will host this time.
- Normal school uniform for a Tuesday for our ongoing RCCC students. Neat casual clothes and solid / closed in toe shoes for students who will be coming new to the school in 2021. Hats for everyone.
- This day will be a holiday for most of our current Year 10 students, as they prepare for their training beyond RCCC.

RCCC Key Dates for 2021

While more detail will appear in the Newsletter and elsewhere as the new year proceeds, here are the key dates to assist in your planning:

No school for Prep students on Wednesdays February 3rd to February 24th inclusive.

Mon 18th Jan. School Office opens (Closed Monday 25th Jan & Public Holiday Tuesday 26th Jan.)

Wed 27th Jan. Teaching related staff return (but the office may remain closed as we gather as a staff team).

Thursday-Friday 28th & 29th Staff planning day

Monday 1st Feb. Students return for an 8.55am start

Thurs 11th Feb. Welcome BBQ evening & class meetings

Sun 14th Feb Staff & Board Commissioning @ 10.30am

Wed-Fri 24th-26th Mar Year 7/8 camp

Thursday April 1st Term 1 ends

Monday 19th April Term 2 starts

Tue-Fri 11th -21st May NAPLAN Years 3, 5, 7 & 9

Mon-Fri 21st-25th May Year 10 Work Experience

Friday 25th June Term 2 ends

Monday 12th July Staff commence, including annual 1 day Christian schools' conference

Wednesday 14th July Students return for Term 3

Friday 17th Sept. Term 3 ends

Monday 4th Oct. Staff planning day

Tuesday 5th Oct. Students return for Term 4

Mon & Tue 1st -2nd Nov. Mid-term break

Wednesday 8th Dec. Last day for students - Celebration & Awards Night

Thursday 9th Dec. Last day for teaching staff

Tuesday 14th Dec. School Office closes

There is likely to be an additional professional development / curriculum day during the year where no students will be at school but a date is yet to be decided. Further calendar details will be progressively advised in the school newsletter.

Class of the week is Mitchell

Well done to the amazing students in Years P-2

School Calendar of Events

	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, 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

Jan 2021	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	11	12	13	14	15	16	17
	18 RCCC office opens	19	20	21	22	23	24
	25 RCCC office closed	26 Australia Day	27 Staff planning (RCCC office limited opening)	28 Staff planning	29 Staff planning	30	31
Feb 2021	1 RCCC students commence Week 1	2	3 Preps day off ?Playgroup commences	4	5	6	7

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