From the Principal - Bronwyn Eastley

“The transitional stage of giving birth is often described as the most painful part of labour” (I ‘Googled’ that quote as it’s been a while :) ). A lot of people, myself included, have referred to this stage of the re-development and building program at CCA, as the transitional stage. After reading about this ‘supposedly short’ period in the whole process, I had to have a bit of a chuckle about some of the analogies I could use in my Principal’s report. Take this one for example –

“... many women feel overwhelmed and out of control. Women often state that they can’t cope, want pain relief, and that they have had enough and are going home. It can be distressing for the birth partner to observe the transition stage and the Midwife will encourage them to provide support and encouragement too”.

This last month has been particularly difficult but I know that God is in control and he is ‘growing and strengthening’ many of the staff members as we play the ‘waiting game’. God keeps popping this verse into my thoughts – “Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres”.

I’m a firm believer in the power of our words so I’m declaring this stage of transition, over and am asking the CCA community to continue to ‘provide support and encouragement’ and pray for us as we prepare to ‘push through’ into the next stage.

In His service,

Mrs. Bronwyn Eastley

P.S.
Children commence school on TUESDAY 6th MAY
Winter Uniform is required

FYI - The Principal’s Office Hours are as follows -
Tuesday - 12:30 pm - 4:30 pm
Wednesday - 8:30 am - 1:00 pm
Thursday - 8:30 am - 4:30 pm
Friday - 8:30 am - 10.30 am & 3 pm - 4 pm
Classroom News

Kinder-Prep-One - Jessica Saward

On Friday 11th April, we went on our first excursion to Hollybank forest. The weather was cold but the rain stayed away. Students and adults had a great day and participated in many different activities. Students collected a bag full of forest items which they sorted into different groups. They then got to choose a special tree to have recess under and measure. Students were later taught a new game called Tarzan tree swinging, where they had to make their way through the forest with linked hands, always touching at least one tree. Students were given the chance to get a closer look at small insects found in the forest and were given a tray full of leaf debris through a tree plantation. Whilst in the tree plantation students were asked to lay down and take a look at the forest from the ground. After lunch all the adults were tree to hide behind, whilst our guide kept the children’s attention. Mrs Ferguson found the best hiding spot and kept the children looking for quite some time. The bus trip home was much quieter with most students so worn out they almost fell asleep.

Swimming Carnival

On Friday 4th April all the primary students attended the TACE swimming carnival. Everyone had a great day and for some it was a day of overcoming fears & worries. Congratulations to all students who participated! Whilst the older children swam in the big pool, the younger children had some free play before their fun races started.

Grades 2-3 - Alex Nielsen

It’s little bit hard to believe that we have already come to the end of term one and the Easter break is just around the corner. The class made a wonderful start to the year and impressed with the amount of work and quality of work they have produced. In Reading students have been building on the reading strategies they have learnt and as a result, many of the students have jumped a couple levels in a term. In Writing we have been exploring sentences and the different types and extending that in writing recounts. In Maths students have been learning addition, subtraction, multiplication and division strategies and facts. In History we have been exploring that history is all around us if we know where to look. In developing this idea we ventured on an excursion to look at the old buildings of Launceston. Even though we were hampered by the rain the children loved pointing at old buildings they noticed and ones we had already looked at in class. We took an impromptu trip to the museum in which the children played around the phenomena factory and watched a commentary of a nurses life at the LGH from the past. It was hard trying to get the students to leave because they were so engaged and wanting to know more. Lastly the excursion finished up with recess and sport at Treasure Island. In Geography students have been exploring the connections we have to various places and what to mean to us. In devotions we have been continue to read Genesis exploring Noah and Abraham. It is wonderful to help the children discover what the scripture means and how it applies to our lives now. I know that the children have felt a bit challenged and at times in our lives we will be tested and we have a choice to make; follow God or to walk away. In connection to our devotions the students have enjoyed listening to the books from the Narnia series and making the connections between the books and what is written in the bible. It has been wonderful to see them raise their hand and tell me a connection between what the book says and the bible. All I can say is that I am excited for the next term and what it brings.
Grades 4-6  - Susan McCormack

In Geography, students are enjoying researching and designing their projects on various South American and Asian countries. After completion students will introduce them through an assessed oral presentation to the class.

In our math’s groups we are working on Length, Perimeter and Area. Many students have improved their times table skills through the daily speed test and this week the students will be tested on all Term 1 spelling words.

What a wonderful time we had at Camp Banksia, Port Sorell. The students enjoyed many activities from, canoeing, beach walks, An and much more. Park Ranger James helped us cook damper and taught us about whale and dolphin rescues on the beach. We have a display in the classroom, please feel free to come and have a look.

We had a great excursion to the V8 Supercars recently. The class made the front page of the Examiner newspaper after having the opportunity to attend the press conference with 3 of the drivers. Thank you to Mrs Capela & Mr Foley for your help on the day. As you can see from the photos, it was enjoyed by all.

Well our first term is over and we have made a great start to the year. The students have all settled in to their new routines and are working well together. I hope you all have a lovely Easter, remembering the amazing sacrifice made for us and significance of the cross. Keep safe and enjoy your holiday break.

God Bless,

Susan McCormack

SRC  - Candice Capela

The SRC are off to a great start. We would like to thank parents for all their support.

Icy Pole Day was a success, earning us $50.00. Pizza Day was quite popular raising $60.00.

We hope your children are enjoying these events. A special thank you also for all the donations towards wearing plain clothes.
Grade 7 & 8 - Ken Green

The students have settled in well this term to the routine and variety of subjects, looking at the curriculum from a Biblical perspective whenever possible. Please check their diaries and let the office know early if they are running late or sick.

Grade 9 & 10 - Charlotte White and Jon Targett

Science, Geography and Art -

It’s been a Term of new beginnings in many ways for the senior staff and students and so our focus has been on establishing foundational concepts in all three Australian Curriculum subjects. In Science we have been learning what it means to work scientifically, doing simple experiments, using Bunsen burners and laboratory equipment safely and learning to ask meaningful questions. We have also been working on investigating famous scientists and will be ending the term developing podcasts about Australian scientists.

Geography was introduced this year as a new Australian Curriculum subject and we’ve been practising using the SPICESS (Space, Place, Interconnections, Environment, Sustainability and Scale) concepts to investigate our World. Each student was given a Round-The-World ticket and asked to select five countries they’d like to visit. They have been doing a SPICESS survey of each country, travelling either clockwise or anticlockwise around the world. We have also begun to study the role of water as a vital resource and will continue this study as an integrated unit with other subjects next term.

As an elective for year 9/10 students, Art will be a two year journey of discovering and developing creative forms of expression, while the year 7/8 students will enjoy two terms of creative taster projects followed by two terms of performing arts taster units. We enjoyed our first venture into the world of art competitions entering the Stringfest Paint-a-Ukulele competition, coming home with a 2nd and 3rd prize. We now also have 10 ukuleles for the students to learn to play in music class.

Having just enjoyed three days at Camp Banksia, our outdoor classroom, students and staff have had the opportunity to get to know each other at a deeper level. During devotions my goal this term has been for students to begin to know the loving Father heart of God for them as royal sons and daughters.

Charlotte White

Well, Senior Camp certainly was a lot of fun this year. It was held at camp Banksia at Port Sorell (the Gold Coast on the North West). It truly was an action packed adventure that was overwhelmingly exhausting. On the way down, students were treated to a visit to Anvers, followed by jetty diving and canoeing ... and that was just on the first day. On day two we began early with a brisk walk out to Penguin Island. After breakfast we were privileged to have access to a boat and spent the rest of the day alternating between ski biscuiting / knee boarding, and fishing. A big thanks goes out to our ever friendly boat driver David Gray and the kind sponsor who allowed him the day off work in order to drive for us. On our final day, students were treated to go-karting. Teachers commented that it was quite possibly the best camp that they had ever had the privilege of attending. All students were a blessing to their teachers and as a result, a wonderful time was had by all. Blessings, Jon
**Night of Compassion - James Lambie**

‘A Night of Compassion’ is fast approaching - on 17 May. See below for details -

If you have anything you would to donate to the Auction for the evening, please contact Jim Lambie on - 0412 825 271.

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**Textiles - Melanie Pearce**

I am enjoying working with the 5 girls in my class when I have them.

We have missed a few Mondays this term due to holidays and some adventure expeditions! So far we have made a pin cushion, explored some seam types, and made a patchwork square. A highlight for the girls was a trip to the op shops last Monday to find fabrics they can recycle into their next project which is a handbag. Some students lost a little focus not to mention any names (Bianca) and had heaps of fun trying on various outfits!!! We start the fun next week of making our purchases into a totally new item. I am enjoying working with the 5 girls in my class when I have them.

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**MATHS with Kirsten Pannowitz**

Your sons and daughters are making some good progress in Maths. They have also learned some scripture verses this term. Keep in conversation with them about what they are doing in class, and do your best to make sure they are doing their homework regularly.

The Grade 7’s and 9’s are preparing for NAPLAN test next term. The Grade 8’s are needing to learn formulae for areas of various shapes at the moment; and the Grade 10’s are working on some financial Maths.

As I only see them twice a week for Maths it is important that they are doing work out of class too. If anyone would like to discuss their child’s progress please phone the Senior Campus and make a time to see me.

May we always remember why we have an Easter holiday and enjoy the term break too.

In His Service,

Mrs. Kirsten Pannowitz
INDONESIAN with Lisa-Marie Chamberlain

It is exciting to be able to offer Indonesian to all students from Prep to Grade 10 this year. My most keen students are the youngest ones, and I love hearing them greeting me in Indonesian when I see them around the school.

They are so eager to learn and willing to have a try at speaking another language. This is a great help in learning a language.

The Primary students are learning some classroom instructions in Indonesian, such as “come in”, “sit down”, “eyes this way”, “quiet”, “can I go to the toilet?” and “I don’t understand”.

This term the Preps & Grade 1’s have been learning how to greet someone appropriately in Indonesian. As well as reviewing numbers and colours, we have been learning the names of some animals.

We are also learning about some Indonesian animals, such as komodo dragons, turtles, geckos, elephants and tigers.

The Grade 2/3’s have also been reviewing greetings. They are learning the Indonesian names of various items around our classroom, such as chair, desk, door, wall, whiteboard, rubbish bin, clock, map, etc.

The Grade 4-6’s have been learning the Indonesian words for various hobbies, and how to ask and answer questions about hobbies. We made a game (conglak), which is found in Indonesia and many other countries.

The Grade 7-10 students have been learning how to greet people in Indonesian, how to ask someone how they are, their name, numbers 1-20 and a bit about the country and culture.

Please ask your children what new words they are learning and if you have more than one child at school it is great to encourage them to help each other with their language learning.

Music with Jonny Targett

Students are working hard with their music at the moment and are in the forming stages of the first school band for 2014. Presently we are learning the worship song “My Soul Longs for You”, by Jesus Culture and we hope to perform it at our end of year assembly. All students are motivated and the future is looking promising.

What an honour it is to be able to work with our students.

They truly are a blessing. Have a wonderful holiday.
Chaplain’s Report with Dave Klauber

At the High School camp at Port Sorell we discussed the question “Could Noah’s flood just been local?” I was impressed with the number of scientific and logical reasons that the students came up with that would refute that idea – but the most persuasive argument came from Scripture itself.

We looked at Genesis 7 and underlined and tallied the words “all” (=9), “each” (=3) & “every” (=5). These words appear more than 40 times in the 3 chapters Genesis 6-8. A phrase similar to that found in verse 22&23 “Everything that breathed and lived on dry land died.” & “The only people who survived were Noah and those with him on the boat.” (NLT) is repeated 10 times in chapter 7 alone!

We watched Ray Comfort’s awesome latest 30min movie entitled “Noah – and the last days” Go to www.livingwaters.com and click on the “free to watch now” button.

Dr Hugh Ross will be speaking in Launceston over Easter. Please see the link below for more information on Dr Ross and his beliefs, etc.

PE Report with Ken Green

Physical Education

The Seniors have been doing tennis the last part of this term and will shortly prepare for netball and soccer which starts next term. [Please ensure your child has appropriate footwear, boots, shins etc]

The Juniors had a swimming carnival recently which was enjoyed by all.

NHSSA Swimming Carnival

A small but strong team represented the school again this year in the NHSSA interschool swimming carnival. Five Grade 6’s competed as year 7’s and did very well, proving to be very competitive. The seniors also did well and won many ribbons. Four girls of various grades competed in the Grade 9 relay team and got second place. Well done Evelyn, Moana, Stacey and Kirrily.

Well done to Riley [3rd 25m back], Ethan [3rd 25m free], Will, Chris, Evelyn [2nd 25m free], Moana [2nd 25m free, 1st 25 back, 25m breast, 2nd 25m relay], Stacey, Hayden [3rd 25m free, 3rd 25m breast], Kirrily [3rd 25m breast, 2nd 25m free], Isaac Jacobson [25m breast]