



June 2014 News

From the Principal - Bronwyn Eastley

Things are on the move! As of next week we will see the commencement of the old buildings being transformed into 'state of the art classrooms'. Finally the buildings will catch-up to the high quality of Christian Education that has always been within the walls of CCA.

On another positive note, last week the School Registration Board conducted a review of CCA and were very supportive of our plans for the redevelopment. I was particularly encouraged to receive confirmation that we as a school, are on the right track with the rebranding of CCA and all that it entails.

With the backing of the SRB, from 2015 we will not be offering courses for Year 11 & 12, but encouraging a pathway for continuation of study at LCS. Also, you may be aware that Distance Education is no longer a sustainable option without the ACE Curriculum. Therefore we will cease registration as a provider of Distance Education. This allows us to put more of an emphasis on an Early Learning Centre, purpose built Kindergarten and providing additional resources for K - 10.

Junior Music has commenced which all the kids are excited about. We look forward to hearing 'sweet melodies' from the classrooms :)

Please take note of this 'before' shot of the old Assembly Hall, as it won't look like this for much longer.



I will keep you up-to-date with weekly photos via our soon to be released Facebook page and future Newsletters.



Looking forward to the arrival of 'spring' and a season of new beginnings.

Ecclesiastes 3:1-3

"There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to tear down and a time to build"

THE PRINCIPAL'S OFFICE HOURS ARE:

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

PLEASE ENSURE
THE OFFICE HAS
YOUR CURRENT:

Home/Mobile Phone
No's
Mail Address
Email Address

Excursions

Parents are welcome to have the cost of a particular excursion to their account. Please put a note on the permission slip to indicate this.

Dates to Remember:

- Last day of Term 2
Thursday 3 July
- First Day of Term 3

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** A NOTE FROM THE OFFICE **

We are trying to cut down on costs. Could you please let me know if you would like an electronic or hard copy of the Newsletter—or both?

Classroom News

Kinder-Prep-One - Jessica Saward

This term in literacy we have been continuing to learn new sounds as well as continuing to develop our writing skills. We have been focusing on recount writing/telling. We have been retelling stories, activities and continuing to retell our weekends.

In numeracy we have been learning a game called blast-off where we practice our continuing backwards from 20. Grade 1 students have been learning addition and are now learning all about place value. Preps have been focusing on recognising and writing numbers to 10 whilst Kinders have been practicing counting to 5 and recognising numbers to 5.

In Geography we have been looking at the world around us on a local and national level. Preps have been busy drawing lots of different maps whilst grade 1 students have been looking at Natural, Managed & Constructed features and have even learnt how to word process their work.

As a class we have been having a big focus on further strengthening our fine and gross motor skills. These are two very important skills that always need continual development and refinement in the early years.

On Wednesday 25th May we went on an excursion to the Launceston Police Station, Launceston State Library and then when on a Tamar River Cruise up the Gorge. Overall all students had a great day and both the Police Station and Boat cruise were a big hit.

Please come and visit our class to see all our recent work on display.

Grades 2-3 - Alex Nielsen

Wow! I Can't believe we are half way through the year already.

It has been very busy in 2/3 Nielsen and I am so proud of the work students have produced.

During Devotions we have continued on our discovery of Genesis and what we can learn from it and apply to our daily life.

In English students are improving on their comprehension skills and learning about different types of writing. They have been learning to write stories and instructions. Students have been learning about number patterns and fractions in Maths.

History finds the students continuing to develop the skills to be an historian and love investigating life in the past. Geography has seen us learning that people are connected to places through different ways and exploring Aboriginal culture.

In science students have been engaging in a lot of hands on experiments to do with water.

So all in all you can see we have been very busy. Please feel free to come in and have a look in the classroom to see the students' wonderful work displayed.

Lunch Order Reminder for Junior Campus



Money and Order Form to be in by Monday of each week.

Please note: *Monday 9 June* is the long weekend, so there will be **no** lunch orders on Wednesday 11 June. Thank you.

Classroom News

Grades 4-6 - Susan McCormack

Our excursion to Holly bank on the 8th May was a great day of exploring; the students measured giant trees, searched for fungi, and learnt much about plant life with Darcy from Forest Education who led the investigations.



In Math's, we are currently working on fractions, decimals and percentages and are about to learn about volume, capacity & mass. We continue to develop our times tables and speed test results.

In History and Geography we are completing a unit on Refugees. This has so far been a wonderful learning experience as we have tried to put ourselves in the shoes of a refugee through researching their journey's and some drama activities. We will complete this unit with an interview with some refugees

who are now living in Tasmania, a project and written narrative using a "seed" picture.

We have recently welcomed Miss Grace Elkhair to the 4,5,6 classroom for 5 weeks as she completes her 3rd year practicum with us. The students are enjoying her contribution and are very receptive to her and respectful to her added involvement in their education.

Our daily devotion & weekly reflection time is continuing to be a valuable and special time amongst the students and I believe this has made us an even closer and exceptional class of young people who have genuine care and concern for each other. What a real blessing it is to watch this daily and to be a part of this at CCA.



SRC - Candice Capela (Parent)

Hello from the SRC.

We have been meeting regularly and recently started collecting ring pulls to help support a project in Thailand, where they melt the ring pulls down and use them in prosthetic limbs for land mine victims.

We have also used some of our funds to buy some school dresses to put in the Operation Christmas Child shoe boxes.

The first scholastic book orders went well, earning the School Library \$80.00. We are looking forward to our next SRC event being a sports day, where we can wear our favourite team colours or sportswear.

Classroom News

Grade 7 & 8 - Ken Green

The 7-8's have been producing some great work this term. The 7's getting through Naplan. Along with the 9-10's many of them helped tidy the Shaw's backyard and do some cleaning jobs.

Janine and Jonno were very grateful. We hope to do more at their place this term and any others in our school community [and outside] who could do with a little hand around the yard.

As staff we were very impressed by their attitude and enthusiasm to help others. What an awesome bunch of young people. I have also been encouraged by the guys participation in devotions and many have been learning memory verses.

Well done! Mr Ken Green

Grade 9 & 10 - Charlotte White and Jonny Targett

Second Term seems to be moving along super-fast or perhaps it's just been filled to the brim with opportunities and experiences!

Although there have been slight interruptions due to NAPLAN Testing, etc. our Science and Geography studies are progressing steadily.

We continue on with the theme of 'water', a unique and vital resource on our planet. Year 9 studies included coordination & control in the human body and Year 10 students are studying the role and mechanics of DNA & Genetics.

Our 9/10 Geography this term is focussed on 'Food' themes and how we feed the world. We are heading towards a Global Gourmet Feast early next term.

Visual Arts continues to be a time of exploration of creative expression and use of a variety of materials. Year 9/10 students are now exploring the theme 'Our Island Home' and have been asked to choose one skill to develop e.g. drawing, using colour or mixing media.

Year 7-10 Community & Global studies have taken on a community focus and we have had the privilege of hearing Denise Devitt speak about living with a child with disability and on another occasion Sarah Davidson spoke on the role of the Salvos in our community, specifically serving the homeless. We will be doing further community service activities with the Launceston City Mission over the following weeks.

Our Year 10 boys have had the opportunity to undertake some work experience and we will be extending this program to include the Year 9 students next term. If you are involved in a business that would welcome our students for a 3-5 day work experience, please make contact with me via email, charlotte@cca.tas.edu.au (students will be fully covered by our insurances).

All Year 9/10 students and several Year 8 students who have expressed interest will be participating in the hands-on Try-a-Skill program to be held at Door of Hope centre on Wednesday June 25th. This will involve students from all northern schools participating in three workshops of their choosing designed to help students understand a variety of career opportunities. Follow up activities on career pathways will be available.

While these are all exciting and sometimes challenging learning experiences, my greatest delight has been to watch students actively engage with Jesus, Holy Spirit and Father along the journey of discovering their unique destiny as kingdom people.

From our Business Manager - Jim Lambie

CCA is about to enter the biggest time of change in its nearly 20 year life. From very early and small beginnings a season of renewal begun last year with curriculum changes and this year with some staff realignments. These are not little things but may be not too visible to the eye, as is the plan for a name change and new uniform development.

While perhaps these changes have been unperceivable to most, new and dramatic building renewals are set to begin in the coming week. The Senior Learning Hub will replace the hall shortly and later this year plans are being drawn up for new classrooms near the Hart Street entrance. Beyond that more building is planned.

One big question is how are we paying for this work? CCA is fortunate to have been granted some Government Funding for the Senior Learning Hub, and we have sent in an application for the new classrooms. There is the Community Church gift from of the Senior School that has recently been sold. Apart from that we fund through loans and gifts.

CCA is DGR for school building development and maintenance, which means a gift to our Building Fund can be tax deductible for the donor. If you feel compelled to invest in the future of Community Christian Academy and wish to donate some money to our building fund please send a cheque to the Building Fund of CCA.

Textiles - Melanie Pearce

The girls continue to master skills they have been taught. The handbags from recycled fabrics are nearing completion. Their theory assignments on types of fabrics should be nearing completion as well, ready to be assessed for the upcoming reports.

After the long weekend, the girls will be set a design challenge to extend their skills in designing a product, This will complete our two terms of textiles.

Depending on completion of campus renovations, the girls should be having cooking next Term with Mrs. Pannowitz.

Maths - with Kirsten Pannowitz

The Grade 7 and 9 students would be relieved now that the NAPLAN tests are behind them. Grade 9 has now done their last one of these!

Across the Senior School there has been a steady progression through our work, and some understanding is developing in their respective areas of study. I have been emphasizing the presentation of students work and demanding particular standards in this area. Students should be able to say that every piece of work they pass in for assessment is the best that they could do. If they don't know how to improve their presentation they should ask for ideas. In the past I have been disappointed in this area. hopefully the future will see a change to that. The other area that needs attention is the submission of work on time when assignments are due. As a staff we are working on encouraging the students to use their diaries to record all the work that is required of them. Please make an effort to check their diaries daily to make sure they are keeping up to date with their work.

Thank you for your interest in your children's progress.
In His Service - Mrs. Kirsten Pannowitz

PE Report - Ken Green

Seniors have started the winter interschool roster of netball and soccer. Both teams have been successful with comfortable wins. The soccer team have played well as a team. Outstanding players so far are Moana, Sam, Michael, Joshua, Isaac N and Isaac J. Hayden has been outstanding in goal. Easy wins against Queechy and Exeter could see us upgraded to Division 2, we'll wait and see.

Juniors have been doing a variety of sports and skills, ranging from Basketball, Tennis and soccer. Interschool cross country is coming soon and the team will be announced.

It has been great to take the Pre-1's this term and I love their enthusiasm. Ken Green



Literacy & Numeracy with Melanie Morris



Often people associate the term 'Special Education' with students who have learning difficulties, this is not so. I am fortunate that my position is one which involves many interesting areas with regards to teaching.

Yes, I teach those who may require some assistance with literacy or numeracy, to help them understand various concepts they otherwise could not. **But**, I wear many hats, just ask the students.

I assist students with reading, writing, general classroom activities, working memory activities, speech, maths, English as a second language and phonetics. **However**, I also teach students who require extension or additional activities other than that of their everyday development within the general classroom. This requires students to have deeper critical thinking skills.

Another activity which has developed at the junior school is that of challenges, which the students are able to take part in during a lunch time, if they like. This began last year as a fun activity. It has grown from six to 26 events. The students challenge each other to improve their skills in a particular activity, such as how many times they can bounce a basketball without making an error. The results are recorded in the Challengers book and posted on the Multi-Purpose room door. A student may make up a new challenge if they wish to. There is a younger and older age group for many of the challenges. So, if I am not in a classroom, I can be found outside.

A photo of some of the students at the Junior School that I have the privilege to teach.

I think I have an awesome job! Come up and see me sometime.

Music with Jon Targett

Our Intrepid Year 7 students are currently in the middle of their music taster course (10 weeks to see if they enjoy Music as a subject). We have been working on forming a band and have been learning "My Soul Longs for You" by Misty Edwards and "The Anthem" by Jake Hamilton. Hopefully, we will be able to provide a blistering performance for the end of year presentation night. The team is dedicated and hard-working. In time, I am sure that they will reap the fruits of their labour. God bless. Mr T