Term 1 is quickly coming to a close and while it’s a short, 9 week term, it seems to have passed so quickly. Easter is not only a welcome break after a term of work, it is a holiday of great significance in the Christian world. It’s a time to consider life and death; Jesus died a terribly cruel and unjust death that we might have life in abundance. It’s a time to consider sacrifice; Jesus went to the cross willingly to take our place and punishment. And it’s a time to celebrate victory; Jesus rose from the grave and defeated sin and death. There are many other themes that surround the Easter story which we could consider, but for me Easter time is an opportunity to be thankful for God’s great love and rescue plan for each one of us. We will be having an Easter themed chapel on Wednesday which parents are welcome to join us for.

We’re very much looking forward to Grandparents Day on Tuesday 22nd which is always an enjoyable time to host grandparents at the College. I’m always encouraged by their joy, humour and gratitude as they spend time with their grandchildren and have the opportunity to get a firsthand look at where they go to school.

Tenders for the new Creative Arts Block have gone out and we hope to be able to award the construction project to a builder by the end of the holidays, with work to commence shortly afterwards. Please pray that prices come in according to our budget so that the project remains on schedule.

Our Year 7 / 8 and Year 11/12 camps were cancelled on us at the last minute due to facility safety concerns. We apologise to those who have been looking forward to these camps, but the decision was outside on our control. Plans are well underway for alternatives which we will communicate to you shortly.

Our Learning Support teacher, Mrs Kylie Wainwright has resigned from her position at the end of the term. We thank Mrs Wainwright for her care and skill in working to support our students for the last couple of years and wish her God’s blessing in her future. We’re very happy to welcome back Mrs Jayne Donaghy who will join us next term in this role.

Stephen Wilson
Principal
Devotions

Two Questions
It’s said that there was once a railway controller called John Griffin. His responsibility was for a drawbridge over the Mississippi River. One day he took his young son to work with him. After putting the massive drawbridge up, Griffin was eating lunch when suddenly he heard the whistle of the Memphis Express roaring towards the crossing. Leaping from the observation deck, he ran to throw the control switch. Glancing down, his heart stopped! His son had fallen into the gears, trapping his leg in the cogs. Desperately he tried to devise a rescue plan, but there was no time. His son was down there—but there were four hundred passengers on the train! Griffin knew what he had to do. Burying his face in his arm, he pushed the master switch just in time to lower the bridge into place as the train thundered across. Then raising his head he looked into the passing windows with tear-filled eyes. There were businessmen casually reading the newspaper, ladies sipping coffee, and children eating ice cream. Nobody even looked at the control house or glanced down at the great gearbox. In agony Griffin cried out, ‘I sacrificed my son for you people. Don’t you care?’ But as the train rushed by, nobody heard the anguish father’s words.

On this Good Friday, as we consider the cross where God sacrificed His Son for each of us, He’s asking: ‘Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by?’ The question then becomes: ‘What… shall I do with Jesus who is called Christ?’ (Matthew 27:22) there is only one right answer to that question: ‘Today, I accept You as my Saviour and my Lord.’

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‘Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by?’
Lamentations 1:12

Prayer Points
- Tenders for the Creative Arts Block
- Safe and Happy Easter for all

Character & Culture

Fruits of the Spirit
In 1997 Stuart Diver was trapped under loads of concrete and rubble due to a landslide that killed 19 people at Thredbo. Unable to move with a concrete slab just above his chest, he battled to stay alive, keeping his mouth and nose above the freezing water that rushed past his body. He suffered from hypothermia and the pain from watching his wife pass away as he remained trapped for 65 hours. Ten years after he was rescued, he wrote a book called “survival”. When asked what the book was about, he said it was a book about hope. Despite all the pain, suffering and hardship he endured while trapped in this small space under loads of concrete and rubble, Stuart Diver chose not to focus on these negative things, but to focus on the feelings that saved his life.
In Galatians 5 we read about the positive and negative aspects of our lives. Verse 20 lists some of the negative characteristics (works of the flesh) like: hatred, jealousy, anger and selfish ambition. As parents and teachers we often set rules and need to discipline our children to teach them that these characteristics shouldn’t be evident in their lives. However it is just as important to teach our children positive aspects of their character.

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, longsuffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.
Against such there is no law.—Galatians 5: 22-23

Can you imagine what the world would be like if everyone displayed the fruits of the spirit as opposed to the works of the flesh. As verse 23 says we would no longer need a list of laws or rules to control our negative behaviour as there wouldn’t be any. The world would be a wonderful place if people only displayed the fruits of the spirit. It is easy to focus on what is negative, but if we want our children to have a positive outlook on life we should teach them to live out the fruits of the spirit.

Mr. Jeromy Wainwright
Deputy Principal

Sport And House Competition

Bunya District U12s Soccer Trials
Date: Wednesday, 23rd March
Venue: PCYC (Dalby Soccer Fields) Cooper St
Time: 3:30-5:00pm
Nominations to Mr Wainwright and nomination fee ($2) to be paid at DCC Office by Friday, 18th March

Bunya District 10-12yrs Touch Trials
Date: Tuesday 19th April, 2016
Venue: Dalby Touch Grounds (PCYC)
Time: 3:30-5:00pm
Nominations to Mr Wainwright and nomination fee ($2) to be paid at DCC Office by Monday, 11th April

Darling Downs 10-12 Yrs Hockey Trials
Date: Monday 18th April, 2016
Venue: TWBA Hockey Fields - Clyde Park, Boundary Street, TWBA
Time: 9:30am—2:30pm
Nominations to Mr Wainwright and nomination fee ($5) to be paid at DCC Office by Monday, 21st March

Bunya District 10-12yrs Touch Trials
2016 Next Step survey

The Queensland Government is conducting its annual statewide survey of all students who completed Year 12 in the previous year. The Next Step survey is a brief, confidential survey that gains a comprehensive picture of the employment, study and life choices made by Queensland school completers in the year after they finish Year 12.

Between March and June, all our students who completed Year 12 last year can expect to receive instructions to complete a web-based survey or a telephone call from the Queensland Government Statistician’s Office to complete the survey. Please encourage them to take part. If their contact details have changed, please assist the interviewer with their updated details or forward the survey to their new address so they can participate.

Thank you for your support of the Next Step survey in 2016.


### Tuckshop Roster, Term 2

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Let me know ASAP if I have rostered you on for a day that doesn’t suit you
wendy.bouyer@dalbycc.qld.edu.au

Please wrap baking individually before delivering to the tuckshop. Thank you
Amended 11/03/2016
Winter Uniforms - Term 2 & Term 3

Wearing of the winter uniform begins on the first day of Term 2, 11 April 2016. The winter uniform is worn for Term 2 and Term 3.

Primary & Secondary boys will need to wear a tie and have the option of wearing trousers. There are also shorter grey socks available, to be worn with the trousers.

Primary girls - Tartan winter skirt and white primary blouse, blue socks. There is the option to wear tights.

Secondary girls - Same blouse as summer but with the tartan winter skirt, blue socks and the option of tights.

A jumper is also available to be worn with the formal uniform and a tracksuit to be worn with the sports uniform.

PLEASE NOTE: The College Office and Uniform Room will be closed during the Easter School Holidays.
China Mission Trip News

A team of 17 students will be participating in the 2016 China Mission Trip in the September school holidays. Students will be meeting on a Wednesday night for team training and Friday morning tea for prayer.

During the next few months, Mr Jason Perriotte will be leading the parent group in fundraising activities, with all funds raised going to the orphanages and ministries that we will be visiting.

Please keep the team and the leaders (Lynda, Mr Bruce Burt and Mrs Belinda Waldock) in your prayers.

Operation Christmas Child

Please continue to gather items for the Shoebox appeal.

Run4Bibles

Run4Bibles will be run in conjunction with the cross country again this year. Sponsorship forms have been distributed to students.

Classroom Capers

Year 7 & 8 Food and Fibre

Students have been busy learning to cook things such as Sushi and Thai Chicken Curry.
New Course on offer for 2016

An exciting new subject on offer this year is Certificate II in Agriculture.

It is a subject we now offer to our grade 9 and 10 students through Rural Training Queensland. Over a two year period students will work towards the completion of their Certificate II in Agriculture.

Each week the students spend time in the classroom learning theory as well as out in the field applying their skills in a practical way. The first project for the class is the construction and placement of new garden beds at the College Boarding House, applying their knowledge of horticultural crops and the treatment of plant pests, diseases and disorders. The students are also learning about workplace communication, environmental work practices, basic occupational health and safety.

Marie Skerman, Head of Teaching and Learning, said that “Both girls and boys are enjoying the opportunity of applying what they learn in the classroom in a practical way out in the field. A lot of the students come from farming families so the skills that they are learning will not only allow them to attain qualifications, but it will also assist them with knowledge and skills to help out at home.”

The students are enjoying the opportunity to study in this area of interest for them and are looking forward to the completion of their garden project.

UN Youth State Conference

Aspiring Year 12 student Tahlya Warford successfully gained a place at the 2016 UN Youth State Conference held at the Gold Coast recently.

Tahlya represented the country of Venezuela during the Model United Nations (MUN) debate section of the conference and sat on the Disarmament and International Security Committee (DISEC) during workshops and other activities throughout the conference.

The UN State Conference hosted at the University of Queensland, St Lucia, and the PCYC Bornhoffen in the Gold Coast Hinterland brought together more than 150 young people from Queensland and Northern New South Wales.

The State Conference is the premier event in the UN Youth Queensland calendar and involves a three-day educational conference, during which the delegates have the chance to participate in engaging workshops, listen to inspirational guest speakers and represent a country in Model UN debate.

The theme for the conference this year was Building Our Global Future which focused on issues of sustainability and changing environmental responsibilities.

Tahlya was excited to have been accepted as a delegate for this year’s conference after submitting an essay addressing the key issues of the conference theme. “I am most excited about representing Venezuela and sitting on the security council” she said.

She was sponsored by Cairns Labor MP Rob Pynes.
Year 7 Science

Year 7 Science excursion to the Myall Creek: Students investigated ecosystems and listened to guest speaker Chris Gaschk, Natural Resource Management Officer for the WDRC.

High School Drama excursion

Drama students from Years 9-12 went to the Empire Theatre to watch a production called 'Quartet'. The director of the show also came out the College to run a workshop with the kids.
Church Notices

The 2016 Easter pageant

You’re invited to St John’s Easter Pageant

“The Easter Journey”

Sunday 20th March

10am at St John’s Anglican Church