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KEY DATES AND EVENTS

- Monday 6 December

Year 7 - 9 Orientation
- Tuesday 7 December

Student Last Day of Term
- Tuesday 7 December

6.30 - 9pm Year 12 Graduation
- Monday 31 January 2022

Student first Day of Term
- Tuesday 1 February

8.30am - 9pm Year 12 Aspire Retreat
- Wednesday 2 - 4 February

Year 7 Camp
- Tuesday 8 February

Year 12 English Incursion
- Thursday 10 February

Secondary Musical - Bump In
- Please refer to email communications  
for more information  
and check calendar for updates

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The Earth is the Lord’s

Dear Parents,

I was working with a music student this week, and we decided to play Christmas carols. For time’s sake, we worked at the easier of the Christmas songs.

One of the musically simplistic Christmas songs is “The First Noel”. Its melody merely runs up and down the simple musical scale. The song title includes the term *Noel*, because *Noel* means “Christmas”. *The First Noel* means “the first Christmas”.

*Noel* is an interesting term for Christmas. It originates from a word meaning ‘birth’. This makes sense because Christmas, as you may know, is all about a birth.

The birth that is celebrated at Christmas is the birth of Jesus. His birth is considered extra special for a bunch of reasons. The most important reason for Jesus being so special is that despite being completely human, despite being a normal human baby, despite having a human mum, Jesus was God.

Another term that you might hear around Christmas time is “Immanuel”. There’s also a Christmas song that has the word “Immanuel” all through it. The title is: “Oh Come, Oh Come Immanuel”.

The word “Immanuel” is used as a name. Often, it is spelled Emmanuel; and it literally translates as ‘God with us’. *God with us* has the underlying

meaning that Jesus, being God, was among us as a human. Again, the significance of the earthly birth of Jesus, is that the Creator of the universe took on the form of a human infant, and was born, and lived as a person among people.

Interestingly, Jesus’ life on earth was mostly among poor people. He was born into a very humble family. His upbringing would have been uncomplicated by the trappings of wealth. I am sure that He grew up in a poor family so as to be approachable for the poor. Jesus is shown to care greatly about people who are poor, discarded, dispossessed, or unwanted in human terms.

Life is full of challenges. Most of the time, it is hard to make sense of life. There are challenges we feel are too great, and sadness can be a constant for some people. Nevertheless, part of the comfort of Christmas is that God Himself was born as a human child, and throughout his life on earth, Immanuel experienced all the challenges that we might face.

One great thing about Immanuel is that because God with us was an ordinary human, it means that God understands how it feels to be human. He understands how fragile we are. He understands loss and sadness too.

This Christmastime, among our families, let’s take comfort in knowing that God has experienced humanness. He knows how it feels, He knows how we feel.

Yours sincerely,

David Gleeson  
Principal

WEEKLY BIBLE VERSE

So in Christ we, though many, form one body,  
and each member belongs to all the others.  
Romans 12:5 (NIV)

PRIMARY UPDATE

Our 2021 year is ending, but along with that, we look forward in great excitement to what 2022 will hold for us. Amidst all the busyness of life at this time of the year, we must take the time to stop and reflect on the birth of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Despite what has happened throughout the last few years, we have the hope that His birth brings us. We were reminded of this message in our last Primary Chapel services for this year.

Year 6 presented a beautiful nativity play, and then led us in a joyous song (and dance) at the end. What a lovely way to celebrate with them before they complete their primary years. Then, Year 1 sang us a song and we listened to a heartfelt story about the birth of Jesus.

To continue the celebrations of Jesus’ birth, we

were given a performance by Denzel and Jediah who sang an original song about J-E-S-U-S. As I watched the faces of the children during our Chapel services, it made me realise that despite all the challenges we have faced, we don’t have to make them the main thing. We can choose to dwell on the hope that we do have.

I want to thank you all for the way you have supported us and partnered with us this year. We are very excited to continue in this partnership next year and look forward in hope at what we can achieve together for your children.

Here are some reminders for the last few days of this school year:

- Friday 3 December
  - o Orientation sessions – rejoice with your child when they share

the news of their 2022 teacher. Your reaction will speak volumes to them. We are blessed to have such wonderfully dedicated and caring teachers.

- Tuesday 7 December
  - o Students last day – 3:30pm finish
  - o Casual clothes with a gold coin donation to CCCM
  - o Year 6 Celebration Day

I pray you all have a happy, safe and joyful Christmas – Jesus’ birth gives us hope. See you all again on Monday 31 January. God bless,

**Jodie Vamplew**  
**Head of Primary**



Early Settler’s Experience

SECONDARY UPDATE

Head of Secondary Report

As this year comes to an end, it is really important for us all to finish well. All of us, staff, students and parents have worked really hard this year, in partnership, which has produced some really great results.

We have pivoted, we have adapted, and we have changed the way we usually do things at the College with great success. Galatians 6:9 says ‘Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the

proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.’ So let’s continue to work hard up until the last day of school!

Let’s continue to do our best – particularly in the following final events for the year:

Friday December 03

- Final day for Year 10 and 11

Monday December 06

- 2022 7-10 Orientation day (this year’s 6 to 9 students)

Tuesday December 07

- Final day for year 7 to 9. (casual clothes day – gold coin donation)
- Year 12 Graduation Night (doors open for vaccinated Year 12 Parents at 6:30pm)

I pray you all have a very blessed Christmas, and I am looking forward to next year and continuing our educational journey.

**Derek Bendall**  
**Head of Secondary**



### SPOTLIGHT ON WELLBEING

#### Each word a gift

This past week I have had the privilege to spend time with our secondary students in various settings. With our year 11’s heading into year 12 on our leadership camp in Grantville. With our year 10’s applying for leadership and with our year 8 girls celebrating the conclusion of this year’s shine program. In all these places, I was able to experience students using their words very well. Firstly, with the senior students, where incredibly, over half the year 11 cohort and a good number from year 10 wrote and delivered speeches to their peers and or staff. Where

they communicated their care and respect for each other, the college and its values. They did so with a hope to represent it and serve their fellow students, either as House or Senate leaders. Secondly, I compiled beautiful wordles from words that the year 8 girls had written about each of their class members over the SHINE program. What I have noticed again is the power in words, power to inspire, power to encourage and power to promote growth and I saw the giving of words produced good, in both the giver and the recipients. Therefore, I am encouraged to renew my commitment to speak life and align with the challenging suggestion of the apostle Paul in Ephesians

4:29 ‘Watch the way you talk. Let nothing foul or dirty come out of your mouth. Say only what helps, each word a gift.’ At the conclusion of a huge year, where as individuals and collectively we have navigated so much. Let us, as a community, choose our words well and have a great break, speaking words of life in all our spheres until we are back together in expectation of a great year ahead. May it be a beautiful Christmas surrounded by people you love.

**Bonnie Lang**  
**Head of Wellbeing**



Each word a gift

### EARLY SETTLER’S EXPERIENCE

#### Our Early Settler’s Experience Day

It was a great way to bring together the learning that our Year 4s have been doing in HASS this semester. The Year 4s were asked to dress up in 18th century Britain costumes, as if they had just arrived in Australia on the First Fleet. There was an array of new arrivals that included, convicts, marines, orphans and free settlers. The day began with a spelling test, completed on chalk boards and using chalk to write their words out. This was definitely a challenge. Then we headed out to Arnold’s Creek to collect sticks so

that the new arrivals would have shelter to sleep for the night. The students were excited to get a taste of what it could have really been like on that first day as an early settler. The highlight of the day was the incursion by ‘History Box’. There were several stories told about the history of Australia and plenty of hands-on activities for the students to participate in. Below are some words from Year 4 students and how they experienced the day: “On Early Settler’s Day, we got to dress up as a

free settler, orphan, marine or convict. We had to do what they did, and it was kind of hard. But it was fun. We made damper and collected sticks to make huts. We did a spelling test on a chalk board.” “During the incursion, we learned more things about what happened, including getting small-pox and being whipped. We did activities like making love tokens, playing knacka knacka and crushing some spices.”

**Kerryn Walshe**  
**Years 3 /4 Coordinator**



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Medications

In order to keep your child safe and in an effort to start 2022 fresh, we ask that all medications held in the First Aid room, for your child, be collected at the end of term. Any unclaimed and out of date medications will be taken to the pharmacy for disposal. No medications will be held onsite over the Term break.

### Lost Property

If you are missing an item of clothing or equipment, please take the time to check Lost Property before the end of this term. Any uniform which has not been collected before the term break will be disposed of.

In order to have your clothes returned to you, it is advised that all items are labelled clearly.

Also, please ensure the name in your uniform is yours and doesn't belong to someone else.

### Prep Incursion

2022 restrictions may have interrupted our usual excursion and 100 Days Celebrations; however, we are bringing the farm and fun to us! On Monday 6 December, we will have an animal farm, ponies, a jumping castle and mini-golf all coming to our Prep playground! The three Prep classes will rotate these activities over a 2-hour session of fun. Students will need to wear their PE uniform and bring their snack, fresh fruit, lunch and water bottle as normal. As this event will also include some 100-Day themed activities, if you have created something special for our 100th Day of School party, please bring it along to show the class (no food creations). We are looking forward to celebrating the end of Prep on this day!

Any questions, please email your child's teacher.

### Year 7 2022 Camp

In Week 1 2022, all year 7 students will participate in an exciting two-night camp at PGL Campaspe Downs Adventure Camp. The camp will run from Wednesday 2 February to Friday 4 February.

Our theme, *Who Are We*, will explore the sense of belonging, building a strong community through a range of fun activities and discussions

### Clothing Donations for the Philippines

Gently used clothes especially for Children - all gender and ages are accepted.

Please contact Amie on 0477 445 476



PRIMARY CHRISTLIKE CHARACTER AWARDS

JOY

Lily Z - 1A  
Ben T - 2B

HUMILITY

Prabh T - 1B

GENTLENESS

Naseeb B - PC  
Isla BR - 2C  
Cedar H - 6A

KINDNESS

Eloise G - PB  
Nairit B - 3A  
Daniel V - 4C  
Isabelle F - 6b

RESPONSIBILITY

Hamish A - 5A  
William S - 3B

GOODNESS

Isabella S - 1C

Aurora T - 3B  
Trinity G - 5B  
Max N - 4B

DILIGENCE

Lara D - 5B

GENEROSITY

Ekroop S - 2C

PERSEVERANCE

Mason C - 2A  
Aiden C - PA  
Lucas A - PB  
Kurtis L - 2B  
Molly B - 4B  
Alexander A - 1C  
Sargun S - 4A

FAITH

Enoch L - PC  
Evelyn V - PA  
Krystal M - 4C

ATTENTIVENESS

Amy G - 5A  
Jason C - 4A  
Nathan S - 6B

LOVE

Olivia D - 2A

PEACE

Marley C - 6A  
Amy G - 5A

BOLDNESS

Jonah R - 1A

COMPASSION

Steven P - 1B

CREATIVITY

Ekshan C - 3A

PRIMARY AWARDS

Prep

Evelyn V  
Jack M  
Sidak S  
Lucas A

Year 1

Amitoj K  
Sophie YB  
Everyone in 1B  
Ella D  
Ajooni A

Year 2

Mason C  
Imogen B

Lacey K  
Intira J

Year 3

Imogen O  
Jonah F  
Daniel E  
Emma R

Year 4

Deegan R  
Hannah F  
Jiyul K  
Micah M  
Kian P  
Gabbie C

Year 5

Eva K  
Tayla D  
Sarah-Ann D  
Hamish B-R

Year 6

Scarlett B  
Jasmine C  
Daniel D  
Riley G  
Esmae B  
Winter D  
Seth F  
Naomi D

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Uniform Shop (Located in the College Auditorium)

MCC Uniform Shop will be closed for the Term Break on Monday 6 December  
Hours for Term 1 2022

The MCC Uniform Shop will REOPEN: Monday, 24 January 2022  
with extended hours of 8:30am - 4pm

OPEN: Monday 24 Tuesday 25 & Friday 28 January 8:30am - 4pm  
(\*Uniform Shop CLOSED: Wed 26 & Thurs 27 January 2022)

OPEN: Mon 31 Jan & Tues 1 Feb - 8:30am - 4pm

Regular Hours Recommence: Wednesday 2 February, 2022  
Wednesday - Friday 8:45 - 11am & 2 - 4pm

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For information on service times, go to:  
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