



Lighthouse Christian College Cranbourne

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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

Thanks to all the parents who made it a point to catch up with the teachers of your children for feedback on their progress at the Parent-Teacher Interviews. If you have received advice as to how your children can improve then try to implement the strategies necessary to achieve success. It is important that you also catch up with the other teachers who teach your child/ren if you have concerns by making a separate appointment. As there is only a short time till the end of year examinations—time is of the essence. I am very concerned when students do not make sufficient academic progress over each semester. I am finding that many of the boys are not making sufficient progress during each semester while girls are making greater progress. This is also true nationally but that is no excuse for boys who are Christians. I am appealing to our parents to keep your sons occupied with their study instead of entertainment and other forms of distractions. Paul Murray on SKY News was speaking about our education system failing the students. One third of those who sat the 2023 NAPLAN have been classified as below the expected standard. This is a shocking statistic. 1 in 3 students are not up to standard. Let us as followers of Christ be different.

We have been reading from the Gospel of John for most of this week and the words of Jesus keep impacting my soul by giving me renewed spiritual confidence. Jesus' words are exceptional in this respect because His words are **Spirit** and **Life**. John 6:63 NKJV - "It is *the Spirit* who gives *life*; the flesh profits nothing. *The words* that I speak to you are *spirit*, and they are *life*." Today we read from John 11 to John 13. In John 11 we see Jesus coming to Martha and Mary's house because Lazarus had died. Mind you Martha, Mary and Lazarus are special friends of Jesus. They are not disciples but they are friends of Jesus. People who knew Him well. They knew Jesus better than the disciples of Jesus. We see the following conversation between Jesus and Martha: ²¹Now Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if You had been here, my brother would not have died." ²²But even now I know that whatever You ask of God, God will give You." ²³Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

²⁴Martha said to Him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day." ²⁵Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. **He who believes in Me, though he may die, he shall live.** ²⁶**And whoever lives and believes in Me shall never die. Do you believe this?**" ²⁷She said to Him, "Yes, Lord, I believe that You are the Christ, the Son of God, who is to come into the world."

Obviously for me this was a big revelation. Jesus' friends who really knew Him well called Him Christ, the Son of God. You cannot fool close friends. They know your strengths and weaknesses. If I wanted to know anything about a person, I would rather ask their close friends rather than their employer. Jesus' close friends testified of Him being the Christ, the Son of God. Similarly, you

tell the truth to your friends. Then Jesus must be the Resurrection and the Life. We who believe in Him will never die! We will live forever in His presence. Mary and Martha had their brother raised from the dead after four days. They believed Him and saw the glory of God. In John 12 we observe that Mary knew more than the disciples as to what was going to happen to Jesus. She knew that He was going to die and anointed His feet with her most precious oil and wiped it with her hair. She knew that this was the last time she would probably declare her love for Him publicly. The person she liked to listen to was not going to be there soon. He was her friend but He was going away. It must have been a painful feeling of parting but she declared her allegiance and loyalty to Jesus before all present. She was not ashamed of her Lord who was going to die for her and the rest of us. We will be surprised how many ordinary believers we will meet in heaven (not necessarily leaders or preachers) who were just friends of Jesus. I hope we and our children will be part of the 'friends of Jesus' who know Him so well that we can believe Him for the impossible. He will never fail us!

We have received the list of finalists for the 2023 Prime Minister's Spelling Bee. We had 18 students from Grade 4 and upwards progress into the finals of the Prime Minister's Spelling Bee. Meanwhile with just three weeks to the end of term, we are also having our school's Spelling Bee next week. **Grades Prep to 3 will have their challenge on Tuesday 29th August; Year 7 to Year 10 compete on the Wednesday while Grade 4, 5 and 6 will compete on Thursday 31st of August.** The preliminaries of the Bible Challenge were completed this week and special thanks to Miss Zoe for her efforts in making the questions. The finals of the Bible Challenge will be held on the last Tuesday of the term. The term will end with the Concert Night which will be limited to immediate family members of the students.

We were so blessed to have Ps Rob and Liz Bailey minister to students who were hungry for the Holy Spirit. Many were reactivated to pray in tongues.

There won't be a Working Bee till the last week of term. Two more Working Bees this semester will be held on Saturday 9th September and 16th September.

The school received a Certificate of Appreciation from Jump Rope for Heart for over \$6000 received from LCCC students. We also received a donation of 26 portable Whiteboards from ISS World and we are thankful to God for those whiteboards which can be put to good use.

God bless you and your family with a peaceful and safe weekend.

Jacob Mathews
Principal

FINALLY, BRETHREN,
WHATEVER THINGS ARE
**TRUE, NOBLE,
JUST, PURE,
LOVELY, OF
GOOD REPORT,**
IF THERE IS ANY VIRTUE
AND IF THERE IS ANYTHING
PRASEWORTHY
MEDITATE ON THESE THINGS.
PHILIPPIANS 4:8

WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

spelling bee 29th, 30th & 31st August

FINALS

LCCC's Annual Spelling Bee Finals are on next week.

Parents are welcome to attend but need to sign in and out at Reception—on arrival and departure.



CONGRATULATIONS to these LCCC students progressing to the State Finals!!!

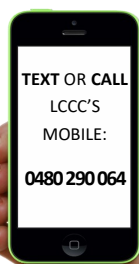
Grade	Score	Year 7	Score
Grade 4		Hannah Jacob	28/30
Goziem Igweonu	29/30	Steven Joby Thomas	28/30
Nikhil Pallagundla	29/30	Jessica Li	27/30
Grade 5		Clareta Dsouza	27/30
Mihaela Muresan	29/30	Year 8	
Zachary Ravuru	27/30	Julien Barte	28/30
Grade 6		Jason Ravi Varma	28/30
Miju Wako	29/30	Hengning Zhang	28/30
Jessica Agha	28/30	Brian Gins	27/30
Joshua Augustin	28/30	Jenita Augustin	27/30
Daniel Justin	28/30	Alexia Balet	27/30



PREP 2024

Existing families, if you have a Prep 2024 child TIME IS RUNNING OUT!

Collect enrolment forms from Reception ASAP and book an interview as we there are LIMITED interview spaces remaining.



Praise Points

- ◆ 18 LCCC are progressing to the Prime Minister's Spelling Bee State Finals
- ◆ Enrolment enquiries continually coming in
- ◆ Excellent participation in the Preliminary Bible Challenge Online Quiz this week
- ◆ Spring weather is in the air— warmer days



Prayer Points

- Upcoming Term 3 events: Spelling Bee; Bible Challenge & Concert Night
- Health of our staff, students and their families
- Sunnyclyffs LCCC school - for 2024 launch
- Federal & State Government leaders



29 Aug (Tue)	Canteen orders in by 4pm
29 Aug (Tue)	Spelling Bee Finals - Prep, Gr 1, 2 & 3
30 Aug (Wed)	Canteen
30 Aug (Wed)	Spelling Bee Finals - Yr 7, 8, 9 & 10
31 Aug (Thu)	Spelling Bee Finals - Gr 4, 5 & 6
12 Sep (Tue)	Bible Challenge Finals
15 Sep (Fri)	Last Day of Term 3
15 Sep (Fri)	Concert Night
2 Oct (Mon)	Term 4 commences

PARENT - TEACHER INTERVIEWS



THANKS FOR ATTENDING!



CANTEEN — EVERY WEDNESDAY

Orders due Tuesdays by 4pm

NO WORKING BEE TOMORROW

NEXT BEES: 9th & 16th September 2023



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