



Lighthouse Christian College Cranbourne

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Message from the Principal

Dear Parents,

This week during our morning devotions, we looked into what it takes to live a successful life on earth. There are many different opinions as to what constitutes a successful life. Some think that it is all about the wealth you accumulate on earth and Jesus calls one such man a fool in Luke 12:16-21. Others think it is about how many of your progenies you leave behind. Still others look at health and quality of life. None of these are objective classifications of a successful life. The Bible gives us a list of the heroes of faith in Hebrews 11. They were classified successful based on their faith in God and their obedience to God's command. To be successful in life we need to be people who know the purpose for our life. Knowing God, gives purpose for our life because He created us with a purpose. If we remain faithful to the call of God on our lives we can deem ourselves to be successful. When we obey God by faith and do His will for us on earth, we are truly successful people. Our time on earth is limited but we have eternity to live for in heaven. He who prepares for earthly success without eternity in focus will fail miserably in life. **It is important that we teach our children to find their calling in life instead of choosing a career for ease and wealth.** As God shows our children His call for their life, He will also show them how they can serve others. Let us keep our focus on serving Christ and not on the vain things of this world.

On Wednesday we were able to honour Ps Dante Cicchiello who has retired from being a bus driver at our school. He has served us for 15 continuous years. He is now 86 years old and had a wonderful testimony to share with us. He came to Australia in 1962 and accepted Jesus as his Lord and Saviour on 5th July 1965. God called him into ministry along with his wife Ps Rita and they are still faithfully in His service. He shared of the many answers to prayer and miracles that had followed the preaching of the word in ministry. God directed them at each stage, including his studies at Bible College in Brisbane, Church ministry in Brisbane, ministry at a church in Adelaide and then finally the move to Melbourne and the ministry here. With 3 godly children and 3 grandchildren they are an example of success!

We had great weather for the Photo Days

- both Monday and Thursday. Our students were so well behaved that we were able to get the whole school photo done in record time! They were so responsive to instruction that the photographers only had to take one set of shots. Both Stan and Joe have been coming to our school for many years but they are always impressed by the students' behaviour. Yesterday we had a lockdown drill. Again, this was carried out very successfully thanks to the cooperation of our staff and students. A real lockdown happens when we have an intruder at school who could harm staff or students. In a lockdown, each block will be shut down and students will go into hiding. If you were to visit the school during a lockdown you will have to remain in your vehicle till the lockdown is over as the office will also be shut.

For your information our school appeared in the Herald Sun on the 5th and 12th of May. On the 5th we were amongst the top 100 secondary schools standing at the 11th place in the list. On 12 May, we were at 18th place amongst the top 100 primary schools listed in the Herald Sun. I hope that all our families continue to cooperate with our staff who have dedicated their lives to serve our children. It was good to see the 43 families who took the opportunity provided by Grade 2 and 3 teachers to familiarise parents with how to help their children with their studies. This kind of cooperation results in great academic success. Only one quarter of the families made it and the others missed a comprehensive how to help your child handbook and seminar. We hope that another session can be held in the near future for those who missed out.

We had a good number of families who came to the Working Bee last Saturday. It is worthwhile running Saturday Bees when a good number of families turn up as much work is accomplished. Our school (both classrooms and the gardens) looks exceptionally clean and well maintained. Thanks to our maintenance staff and parents who do Working Bee. **Tomorrow we will have another Working Bee from 9am to 1pm.** Please attend if you can. There will be another Working Bee next Saturday 24th May.

As you are aware there are just 3 weeks of study before the Mid-Year Examinations and students should be working diligently. They also need to prepare thoroughly

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using the revision material that teachers will give them during the revision week.

Today Dr Martin took some students to visit Casey Tech, Berwick. It was a wonderful opportunity where the students had hands-on training on Gel electrophoresis and PCR technique to diagnose Huntington's disease on real patient samples. The half day session consisted of theory discussions on the bioethics and practicals.

We have sent out expression of interest forms for the Year 7/8 camp to be held at Kyneton Bushland Resort from the 25th to 29 August. **These need to be returned by next Friday 23rd May** so that we can proceed with arrangements for meals and transport.

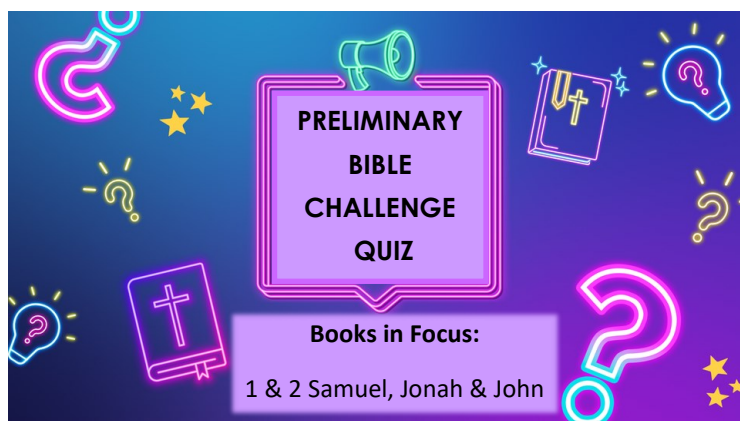
God bless you all with a peaceful and safe weekend.

Jacob Mathews
Principal



Gr 5 to Yr 12

Students in these year levels should be diligently memorising Psalms 1; Psalms 91 & Psalms 112 to receive the exquisite Parallel Bibles LCCC will gift. Formal presentations will commence soon.



Thursday 29th May - ONLINE QUIZ
Gr 3 to Yr 12

canteen
EVERY WEDNESDAY. ORDERS NEED TO
BE IN BY 4PM TUESDAYS



OVERDUE 2025 School Fee Payment Arrangements

20 May (Tue) Canteen orders in by 4pm

21 May (Wed) Canteen

27 May (Tue) School Photo Mop Up

29 May (Thu) Preliminary Online Bible Challenge Quiz

6 –13 Jun Mid Year Exams

9 Jun (Mon) King's Birthday

17 Jun (Tue) General Achievement Test (GAT)

25 & 26 Jun(W&T) Bible Challenge Finals

1&2 Jul (Tu&W) Excursions

3 Jul (Thu) Jump Rope to Help

4 Jul (Fri) Last Day of Term 2

7-25 Jul (M-F) Mid Year School Holidays

28 Jul (Mon) Term 3 commences



Praise Points

- ◆ Beautiful weather for both school photo days
- ◆ Our students honoured Ps Dante Cicchiello at his official farewell on Wednesday
- ◆ Dr Martin took students to Casey Tech in Berwick for a beneficial half day experience
- ◆ Wonderful 1st Gr 2 & 3 parent training session



Prayer Points

- Upcoming events during Term 2 - Mop-Up Photo day, Prelim Bible Quiz; Mid Year Exams; GAT , Bible Challenge Finals
- Staff and students at Sunnyclyffs campus
- Health for staff & students



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