



COMPASS

All things through Christ



Transforming the World God's Way

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(John 11:25)



One of the greatest things we can do in life is transform or change the world around us. As a young man, I was told if you borrow something from somebody, if you can, make sure you give it back in a better condition than when you borrowed it.

As a school and as teachers who are employed to teach your children values and morals along with the academic and VET

subjects that we teach, transformation is our core business. Unless students learn how to read and write, discern between right and wrong, argue respectfully, be resilient when things are a little tough, deal with the many issues, challenges and life decisions that come their way, we haven't done our job. Sometimes our students don't allow us to do our job because of a number of factors going on in their worlds – sometimes it is out of their control; other times they simply refuse to want to go forward.

The Lord Jesus was in the business of transforming the world around Him. He helped people answer the big questions in life, like 'Where did I come from?' 'Why am I here?' and 'What happens when I die?' He was compassionate to a hurting and burdened world that was beset with sin and wrong-doing. He helped people overcome sickness, wrong attitudes, corrupt practices, disrespectful mannerisms, misunderstanding about Father, the Son (Himself) and the Holy Spirit.

What continually encourages me is that Jesus is still changing the world today. He is still transforming the lives of all who believe in Him today. Despite what the world of politics says or doesn't say. Despite what laws or legislation is put in place (whether godly or ungodly). Despite the borders that demarcate and strengthen division between countries and people. Despite whatever this world does, Jesus keeps on saving people, renewing people, and giving people hope when the world indirectly screams, 'There is no hope!' He gives and keeps giving. He transforms and keeps transforming.

In John's gospel, Jesus made some pretty big statements. Here's a few:

"The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." (John 10:10)

Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me." (John 14:6)

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Alpha

This year, like we have done for the past three years, we'll be running ALPHA for the families of ECC and for the wider Cooktown community. ALPHA is an exceptional opportunity to explore the big questions of life in a safe and non-judgmental environment where everybody's opinion matters. I would encourage all the families of the College to sign up for ALPHA. The details are:

- **Cost:** It is free! There is no charge.
- **Meals:** Meals are provided for every participant and their children.
- **Baby-sitting:** Baby-sitting is provided every evening ALPHA is on.
- **Date/time:** It starts Monday 8 March and goes from 6pm to 8pm.
- **Duration:** It runs for 12 weeks in total. Each Monday evening over school term time (there's a break over Easter holidays)

- **Group leaders:** The leaders are fantastic!

If you haven't done ALPHA before, I thoroughly recommend you doing it. It has the potential to transform your life so that you in turn are able to help transform the lives of people around you.

Let me know if you would like to be a participant of ALPHA 2021. We have participants who have already put their hand up to be a part of ALPHA this year and we look forward to you becoming a part of the ALPHA experience.

Blessings on you and our households,

Peter Connell

Principal

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Students to represent Queensland State at National Titles



(Back left to right) Eli Carroll, Sam Ryder, Amber Frame and Rocco Thomason

(Front left to right) Savannah Frame and Sienna Thomason

Six of our Cooktown Youth, including Eli Carroll and Savannah Frame will be representing Queensland in under-water hockey in Tasmania this Easter holidays.

Eli Carroll has been selected for the under 15's team and Savannah Frame for the under 19's.

The Cooktown players were selected at a rigorous training camp held in Cairns with players from Brisbane, Gold Coast, Toowoomba, Townsville and Cairns competing for just 10 places on each team. Eli and Savannah are the youngest member on their respective teams.

Looking back at our first few weeks

There is so much to learn when you first begin school- How to line up, where to go at different play times, how to listen on the mat, how to wear shoes all day!

There are so many questions- Who is my teacher? Where does my bag go? When can I play? Who will I play with? How will I know when I can eat? What if I'm tired? The first few weeks of school is such a huge learning journey and I am so proud of our amazing Foundies for taking this challenge on and doing so well!





In the first 8 days of Foundation we have learnt 4 letters- a, s, t and i and four words- I, can, is and the. We have practised writing letters and numbers in shaving cream and with chalk on the verandah. We have begun to explore the difference between a letter, a letter sound, a word and a sentence and are experimenting with writing and reading.

In Maths we have been sorting objects into groups and learning how to count, write and read numbers 1-5. In Science we have been investigating the weather, which at the moment can change from one hour to the next so we have had a lot to discuss!

Our camping corner has been enjoyed by everyone as special place to rest, read a book or sit around the fire for a chat. The visit from the AFL Cape York team was a huge hit and kids loved learning how to hold the ball with their "chicken wing" and kick the footballs.

Amongst all the firsts- first day, first art lesson, first PE class we have had lots of play time with kinetic sand, playdough, painting and drawing, which all supports children in developing social skills and expressing their ideas. There is never a dull moment in our Foundation class!



Swimming Carnival!

We had a great day at the swimming carnival in Week 1. Thank you to all who swam and showed fantastic sportsmanship.

Thank you to those parents who came and helped with the timekeeping.

Well done to Dawson who won the day with the overall point score of 684. Saunders not far behind on 582 points.

The age champions will be announced at our whole school assembly in week 8.



Scholarship Winner!

Congratulations to Endeavour Christian College Year 11 student, Shaylee Darvell who was awarded a full Scholarship of Excellence at Envirotech Education for her enrolment in Certificate II in Marine Environment and Sustainability.

The Certificate II in Marine Habitat Conservation and Restoration is designed to support the Marine Habitat Conservation and Restoration workforce development. The courses consist of small, clear, practical units providing skills and knowledge around ecosystem restoration and designed for people that have the desire to learn both underwater working skills and wish to take leadership in community professional marine restoration jobs, empowering local communities to take the marine and environmental initiative in their own hands.

Along the Australian coast a wide range of hands-on marine development, construction, conservation and restoration projects take place:

- shore protection and wave breakers
- Conservation based diving activities
- artificial reefs

- seagrass and mangroves restoration
- fauna and coastal environmental, etc.

This qualification, supports on the job training and provides practical marine habitat conservation and restoration training, supporting marine communities develop local trained workforce, with focus on adult international, domestic and Australian indigenous students cohorts that may not be able to obtain an academic degree and enter the marine biology industry based on this accreditation and practical work experience.

The course is designed to support restoration of local ecosystems, accomplished in shorter terms and associated with projects on the ground.

Envirotech Education is an International academy that is currently one of a handful of education institutions in Australia offering the Diploma of Sustainable Operations and related environmental courses. Shaylee has achieved her scholarship through dedicated attention to her studies within the marine industry.

Her current marine connections include; Wavelength Cruises, Lizard Island Research Station, Sea Shepard, Tangaroa Blue, LMAC Cape York and GBRMPA.

Endeavour Christian College congratulate and wish Shaylee well in all her future studies and look forward to seeing her ambitions achieved.





Lexile Reading Program

Mrs Kirsche recently sent out a letter to all parents of students who are on the Lexile reading program, including those who are new to the reading program.

Lexile cards are read during library lessons and comprehension quizzes on the cards are then done online. A pass mark is 70% and students have three cards to pass in their lesson. If they do not pass and have time, they can redo the card in the lesson. Alternatively, they could redo the card during break, before or after school or the card can be emailed to parents for the student to complete at home.

At the end of the Term students who have passed their 3 cards per lesson will receive a certificate. This year having to do a book quiz a week has been changed. If a parent wishes the student to complete a book of their level a week or the student wishes to do a book quiz, they can do so, but this year it is not a library lesson requirement.

Please feel free to get in touch with Mrs Kirsche in the Library if you have any questions about the Lexile reading program.



ARE YOU AGED 12-23 YEARS?

YOUR COUNCIL NEEDS YOU!

Cook Shire Council is currently looking for dedicated, passionate, and enthusiastic young people, to become members of the inaugural Cook Shire Youth Council in 2021.

Find out more by visiting www.cook.qld.gov.au



You can also attend the Cook
Shire Youth Council
Workshop Day!
DATE: Saturday 13 March 2021
TIME: 10 am - 2 pm
PLACE: PCYC Cooktown
RSVP: By Monday 8 March
Registrations are essential. Email
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