



COMPASS

All things through Christ —



PEACE: THE REAL MISSING LINK?



Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. I do not give to you as the world gives. Do not let your hearts be troubled and do not be afraid.

John 14:27

Speaking at Secondary chapel in Week 8 was a privilege and I focused my message on Psalm 98 about the importance of singing new songs to the Lord. New songs written for God's honour because of all he does for us – Psalm 98 tells us that salvation comes from His right hand.

I spoke of the ancient Hebrew songs, which were and still are called 'psalms'. One entire Old Testament book is dedicated to all 150 of them. 3000 years ago King David, though the leader of Israel, often sang to God because it would give him peace and help him and the nation to focus on God's mighty hand to save. And as we read through the book of 1 Kings and 2 Samuel we see God protect, honour and sustain David because "David was a man after God's own heart." (Acts 13:22). The Lord sustained him through good and bad.

I asked the students to share their favourite music genre by show of hand and the raised hands were as most may have imagined. Many still like good old rock 'n 'roll, some country fans, rap had less still, a few more liked Jazz, and Dylan Stewart nominated a genre – but said I wouldn't like it; classical music got the least support from the students.

I spoke to the students about how music had the ability to soothe, inspire, even change our mood. That music was a huge part of all our lives and was just one part of the incredible world we live in – a world of wonder, adventure, and now

in an increasing measure, a world with far too much anxiety. I shared with the students how peace with God in the midst of a chaotic world was possible and it doesn't matter what the world does, you can still have peace in your heart - a God given peace that overcomes the world (John 14:27).

I shared how I was concerned for them as the new generation growing up in a world that was increasing in its anxiety barometer; however, peace with God in the midst of chaos was possible. I personally experience God's peace each day. Why? Because I have put my trust in the Lord Jesus Christ and opened up my heart to Him. I have asked for His forgiveness from my sins, and from that day on I have received "the peace that transcends all understanding" (Philippians 4:6-7). Peace is a huge part of my life and music encourages that peace I have received from God - especially music that is honouring Him like some of the old hymns or some of the newer worship songs.

I played the students this new song from the church City Alight called [**Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me | CityAlight**](#). If you receive this newsletter via email or on a device connected to the internet you could also hear the beautiful song that it is, honouring God and speaking words of life and peace into our hearts.

It may be a while since you've listened to that great hymn, Amazing Grace. I couldn't think of a better song to listen to as we approach Easter 2021. American Country singer Joey Jory does a beautiful job singing this great hymn: [Joey Rory - Amazing Grace \(Live\)](#)

May the Lord bless you and your family as you honour Him who gave up His life on Calvary's cross to save all who believe.

Blessings,

Peter Connell



BOOK FAIR

Book Fair will be held on Monday 10 May to Thursday 13 May next term. Book Fair will be open from 8am to 4pm Monday to Thursday.

The theme for this book fair is "**To the Book Fair and Beyond!**" Which is a space theme.

Students will have a preview of the Book Fair on Monday morning but will not be able to purchase books until second break and after school on the Monday. Students will only be allowed in after this time to purchase books if they have their money with them. Parents, family and community members are welcome to come to the Book Fair at any time during the times and dates given above.

There will be a dress-up on Friday 14 May, gold coin donation goes to fundraising for school camps.

Best dressed-up boy and girl in each class receive a prize. Ideas for dress up: astronaut, planet, comet, star, alien, spacecraft, rocket any futurama ideas.

The Importance Of Reading



Reading is the most crucial academic skill because it is the foundation for learning. Although many children can read words, the act of reading and the act of comprehending

what you read are two very different things. In simpler terms, reading comprehension is the ability to read, understand, process, and recall what was just read. The Lexile reading program that we do in the library ensures that students have actually understood what they have read. This gives a good indication of where they actually are with their reading proficiency.

Without a strong foundation in reading, children are left behind at the beginning of their education. They lag in every class, year after year because more than 85 percent of the curriculum is taught by reading. In fact, one of the most important predictors of graduating from high school is reading proficiently by the end of year three. Regular recreational reading offers benefits for cognitive stamina and resistance to cognitive decline, the development of empathy, and even achievement in other subjects, including mathematics.

Reading is the best kind of workout for your brain for so many reasons. Chief among them is the ability to improve memory. Reading involves several brain functions, including visual and auditory processes, phonemic awareness, fluency, comprehension, and more. Another positive effect of this incredible brain workout is that reading not only improves memory, but it increases attention spans, too.

It is recommended that children should dedicate half an hour before bed to read a book. It's not a big chunk of time, and it also helps to wind down before it's time to sleep. Over the years, doctors, scientists, and researchers have confirmed that reading is a stress-reducing activity that can lower your heart rate and blood pressure. It has been found that light from electronic devices interferes with sleeping patterns, while paper books actually help you sleep better. Using electronic devices such as smart-phones, tablets or e-readers is linked to higher stress and depression levels. Traditional books, on the other hand, help reduce stress.



From the Art & Design room

This wonderful textiles piece was completed during Term 4 last year, contributed to by all Primary classes from Foundation to Year 6.

Students worked in groups of 2 or 3 to design a house, learnt some basic sewing skills, and used coloured fabrics and threads to create their designs. Everybody managed to sew on at least one button to decorate their houses.



Making Cutting Boards

Some of our Year 11/12 students made their own bread boards as part of their senior subject Furnishing Studies.

Making these bread boards was a great starting project because it required them to use most of the machines in the workshop.



ALL ABOUT SPORT!

We have had a busy term with lots of sporting opportunities for our students.

We have had the AFL crew here running AUSKICK and some health lessons for us too.

We have had Hockey for the Year 3 and 4s and also Year 9 and 10s. Greg from Port



Douglas Hockey has been using these lessons with our students to train up Nicole to run the sessions on her own next term.



Next term will be our hockey term with lots happening in and out of school hours in the community.

We have had Cricket Australia here running sessions with Years 3-6 students and some students have been participating in the after school session at the State School on a Thursday afternoon.

Along with Swimming, Gymnastics, Tchoukball, Fitness sessions, Skipping and Running games, Dance club and more we have been busy keeping active and staying healthy at school this term.

Enjoy some photos from our time enjoying all of these sporting opportunities.



MORE AFL FUN



We Can Do Anything!

Year 9 Marine Studies

The Year 9 Marine Studies students conducted a beach marine debris audit with South Cape York Catchments, prior to the organised Tangaroa Blue beach clean-up at Walker Bay earlier this month.



This involved students measuring out survey areas and collecting all rubbish (yes even small plastic bits) ready for counting and sorting. Rubbish collected from 4 x 25m transects were done by the students, at three tidal levels, who impressed Jason Carroll



with their 'thoroughness'. The students spent 3.5 hours searching through mounds of beach debris to collect as much rubbish as they could- a treasure hunt for the environments benefit. They collected an amazing 90.14kg!

The following week students again sorted through their collection bags and counted the amount of each item found. Plastic bottles and broken plastic pieces being the most prevalent, although all fishing items reclaimed were a real treasure find for the students.



The data amounts were then added to the International Data Base.

"The Australian Marine Debris Initiative is a network of communities, schools, industries, government

agencies and individuals focused on reducing the amount of marine debris washing into our oceans."

On every beach around Australia you will find some form of marine debris, from litter left by visitors to international debris, to ghost nets or rubbish washed from far inland through stormwater drains.

The statistics are horrifying with the United Nations' Regional Seas Program estimating more than 18,000 pieces of plastic in each square kilometre of ocean; and other research estimating



more than 8 million tonnes of debris entering the world's oceans each year.

The majority of this marine debris is plastic, which due to its chemical makeup is a long lasting material. Plastics, once released into the environment, never biodegrade, instead photo-degrading breaking into smaller and smaller pieces of the original item, forever remaining in the environment.

The Australian Marine Debris Initiative is a way that everyone can become involved in both the removal of marine debris and finding solutions to stop the flow of rubbish into our oceans.' – Tangaroa Blue.

Well done Year 9 – awesome effort.



2021 Calendar

Our calendar is now available
on the School Website!

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2021 Calendar

JANUARY

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JANUARY 27

SCHOOL STARTS

JANUARY 28

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

MARCH 16-17

PARENT INTERVIEWS

MARCH 24

CROSS COUNTRY

APRIL 2

GOOD FRIDAY

APRIL 5

EASTER MONDAY

APRIL 25

ANZAC DAY (HOLIDAY ON 26th)

MAY 3

LABOUR DAY

MAY 7

MOTHER'S DAY AFTERNOON

MAY 10-13

BOOK FAIR

MAY 12-21

NAPLAN

MAY 21

UNDER 8'S DAY

JUNE 16

ATHLETICS DAY

JULY 12-13

STUDENT FREE DAY

STAFF DEVELOPMENT

SEPTEMBER 2

SHOW DAY

SEPTEMBER 2

FATHERS DAY BREAKFAST

SEPTEMBER 3

STUDENT FREE DAY / STAFF DEVELOPMENT

SEPTEMBER 15-19

YEAR 9/10 GOLD COAST CAMP

OCTOBER 4

QUEENS BIRTHDAY

APRIL 5-8

YEAR 7/8 MUNGALI CAMP

NOVEMBER 1-4

BOOK FAIR

NOVEMBER 19

YEAR 12'S LAST DAY

NOVEMBER 25

AWARDS NIGHT

NOVEMBER 26

YEAR 10-11 LAST DAY

DECEMBER 2

LAST DAY OF SCHOOL

NOVEMBER 2021

School Days

Student Free Days

School Holidays

Public Holidays

School Events

Parent Teacher Interviews

* All dates are subject to change

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24 MARCH
8:30 - 9:40**

*BRING YOUR
WATER BOTTLE
&
SPARE CLOTHES*

