



Earthing

Greetings Earthlings! Oh, sorry, earth-ing.

Earthing: The action of walking on grass in bare feet: soaking up the earth’s energy through your soles. (urbandictionary.com)



How interesting. I don’t know about ‘the earth’s energy’ but certainly there is a lot of sensory information we get through the soles of our feet that we miss when we have shoes on.

I recently attended a Spiritual Retreat with other principals from Queensland Lutheran Schools. We met in the city and spent some time reflecting on a few Bible passages and in prayer, having a meal together and just kind of getting away from it all for a day in each other’s company. There is a famous quote from one of our principal colleagues that we often throw around when we get together. ‘The only place you don’t feel like a principal is when you’re with other principals.’ That supportive collegiality is special, taking time to consider our work and our spirituality, to focus, or re-focus is important.

Part of that retreat included a couple of hours in the Roma Street Parklands. We were invited to go and find a quiet place, to sit, to soak up the environment, to avoid emails and questions and people, just to be. It was lovely. We took off our shoes, walked on the grass, sat in the shade, watched people go by, listened to toddlers chatting with young mums, avoided those massive lizards that are wandering around. The sun was out, that smell of a new spring was in the air. The moment was rejuvenating and important.

But it was deeper than hippie stuff and avoiding work. The theme for the retreat was incarnation. A simple translation for this word could be, becoming flesh. More usually it is referred to in relation to God becoming human in the form of Jesus. He was incarnate. Our amazing, infinite, powerful, eternal, glorious, lightning-bolts-coming-out-of-his-eyeballs God humbled himself and took on human form. And a frail one at that, a tiny baby to start with, completely at the mercy of the world. Immanuel, God with us.

God was not just ‘with us’ as a bloke who walked around Palestine 2000 years ago. He is actually present every day. Our infinite God of Love is present physically in the world. The Bible tells us, ‘... since the creation of the world, God’s invisible qualities, his eternal power and divine nature, have been clearly seen, being understood from what has been made...’ (Romans 1:20). In other words, you can experience God through nature. Yes, that beautiful sunset, that clear blue sky, that rolling sea or gentle breeze, that scary storm or the smell of blossoms in spring, the taste of food, the majesty of forests, grass under your feet, the list goes on. God didn’t make it all a gazillion years ago, disappear for millennia, send his Son down to sort it out 2000 years ago and then take off again. He is here, He calls to us in every moment, He always has. He is as close as our breath. Indeed, His name YHWH is breath itself, the word in Hebrew is designed to be breathed not spoken.

It’s always God’s work. He is not an old-fashioned idea but an ever-present help. He is active in the world, healing through the work of doctors, loving through the hugs of mums and dads, feeding us through the work of farmers and shops, and raising and growing our kids through the work of schools.

Shane Altmann
Principal

SECONDARY SCHOOL

YEAR 9 MT BINGA - Almost without exception our Year 12 leavers will talk about their Mt Binga experience as an absolute highlight of their schooling. They often say that the opportunity to be away from home having a shared experience with their peers was a pivotal moment in their transition from child to adolescent to adult ready to take on all that the world has to throw at them. In under 4 weeks time our students will again depart on this great experience having been prepared for several months and being completely ready to take on the challenge.



END OF TERM - With the exception of a few potential alternative activities on the last day our students will be working right up until the end of term. Please ensure that they attend as they could miss out on vital information and learning.

YEAR 12 EXAM BLOCK - Year 12 students are in the middle of their exam block to prepare them for the external ATAR examinations. As a College we are proud of our seniors and wish them the best of luck preparing for the actual examinations that commence early in Term 4.

DRIVER SAFETY - Each year our Year 11 students participate in the Rotary Youth Driver Awareness program (RYDA) as part of our driver education program. The students had a great day and came away with a greater appreciation for the need to be safe on our road.



RED FROGS - Red Frogs spoke with Year 11 students last week about identity and positive self-talk. Thank you to student Luke Francis for taking photos and working the sound desk during this session.



*Stuart Needham
Head of Secondary School.*

P&FA NEWS

Holidays are looming and we are all looking forward to a break from the school routine. Subway lunch is on Tuesday, 15 September and Subway forms went home last week. Forms are due in by 3pm on Thursday this week - don't miss out!

R U OK? DAY is being celebrated across the College this week and it's great that our children are being taught to think of others in the classroom as well as at home. COVID is providing challenges for all of us so it's a good reminder to ask our family and friends **R U OK?**

Did you see the photos of the new Jungle room at the Junior School campus on Facebook? It is awesome! It was a privilege for the P&FA to provide some funding towards this fabulous facility.

We would love to see some new faces at our next meeting on Monday, 14 September at 7:00pm in the Lighthouse at the Secondary School Campus - Beveridge Road. Please RSVP if you are attending to admin@fclr.qld.edu.au as numbers are restricted to 20 people. Zoom will be an option, if needed.

*Stay safe and God bless
Alex Duff-Hooper - P&FA President*

JUNIOR SCHOOL

HOW WAS YOUR DAY? It's the end of another wonderful school day and you are looking forward to hearing about the great things your child was involved in. They hop in the car or greet you when you come in the door and you ask "How was your day?" Only to receive a "good" or "great" and then the conversation stops. This certainly happens in my house and then I am left wondering how else I can ask the same question. We have 5 questions at home that we try to ask each other at the end of each day and I am often pleasantly surprised by the extra insight I gain into a teenager's day at school. Here they are in case you would like to try them out this week:

1. **What made you smile today?**
2. **Who did you have lunch with?**
3. **If you could change one thing about today, what would that be?**
4. **What was the hardest rule to follow today?**
5. **Tell me something you know today that you didn't know yesterday.**

Now I am not guaranteeing that it will work for you, but as a community, if we all help each other on the parenting journey and educational partnership with tips and tricks to try along the way...then this is what makes us part of something special and continue to build a depth of connection with our kids.



R U OK? DAY - On Wednesday, 10 September 2020 we supported **R U OK? Day** to inspire and empower everyone to meaningfully connect with people around them. Looking out for one another and lending support is a key life skill for any age group and is part of what we promote through our 5C's at Faith. Whilst children cannot be expected to fix someone's problems, nor know the best way to help and support, we want to encourage our students to listen to what their friend is saying,

let them know they care and tell a teacher or trusted adult if they are worried about one of their friends. The goal of creating awareness with an **R U Ok? Day** in the Junior School, is to promote an environment of positive peer support because that is part of *The Faith Difference*.

JOINING FAITH IN 2021 – it has been so wonderful to welcome many new families to Faith this year and already 2021 is looking like many more families connecting into our community. If you know of a family or close friend that is hoping to enrol at Faith for 2021 please encourage them to put their application in sooner rather than later as places are filling fast, particularly for our Prep students. There is no application fee if you enrol online so share the news with those around you and let them know how your child is flourishing at Faith!

BYOD AND BOOKLISTS IN 2021 – Information and updates regarding our BYOD iPad program in Years 3 – 6 and booklists in Prep – Year 6 will be sent out before the end of Term 3. Please look out for this important information.

SSP INTENSIVE – Our Prep and Year 1 students have embarked on 2 weeks of SSP intensive programs to help boost the critical literacy skills that help our youngest students learn to read. As you are aware, 2020 has been a tumultuous year with Covid-19 impacting the regular rhythms and routines of schooling, especially for our youngest Junior School students in Prep and Year 1.

One of the most crucial foundational areas in both Prep and Year 1 is the growth of students in our 'SSP' learn to read and spell program. The earlier our students learn to read, the earlier they can start reading to learn. Whilst each one of our students will reach this destination in a different way, we want to ensure we boost their confidence and give them as many opportunities as we can to develop these skills. We are also developing a parent resource bank for use over the holiday period to help your child continue practicing their SSP over the 2 week holiday break.

CHAPEL – We really miss being able to invite our community in to take part and attend our weekly Chapels and Assemblies. As a way to ensure parents can still feel connected we have resumed filming our Chapel services each week, as our different classes lead them, and made them available on our Junior School Weebly parent hub for viewing. We will email the class each week that is involved in preparing Chapel but we also invite our whole community to visit our webpage and enjoy a Chapel service at home together as a family. The chapel services can be found at: <https://faithlutheranjuniorschool.weebly.com/chapel.html>

UNDER 8's DAY – our Kindy, Prep, Year 1 and Year 2 students had a fabulous day celebrating the joys of childhood on Tuesday, 8 September. A big thank you to our Year 9 Sports Excellence students who came to assist for the day, our Faith Kindy teachers and students for joining us for the event, and Mrs Cassidy for organising a day filled with fun activities. We can't wait to do it again next year!



AWARDS

JUNIOR SCHOOL CLASS AWARDS 27.8.2020 and 3.9.2020

PN	Samara Del Manso, Noah Guy, Scarlett Turner, Jasmine Bastow	3N	Andrew Wilson, Ella Currin, Julia Dalgetty, Nathaniel Thiganoff
PW	Josh Needham, Cara Drummond, Henry Russon, Austin Prior	3W	Trent Smith, Jessica England, Isabella Ewart, Kaleb Morris
1N	Evelyn McHugh, Noah Stokes, Jamie Trussler, Jayden Hall	4N	Maddy Hartley, Alex Donaldson, Maya Kaiser, Charlie Hutchings, Mischa Harmer
1W	Noah Jones, Lennox Saunders, Alice Clements	4W	Jake McGilvray, Trinity Crooks, Oliver La Rosa, Mark Hill
1G	Elayna Hood, Tyler Kotynski, Milan Krzovski, Geoffrey Boland, Savannah McMillan	5N	Hudson Bastow, Luke Kovacevic, Liam Clenghan, Maddi Kirkman
2W	Koby Savas, Deklan Ketley, Juliene Nery, Max Bernard	5G	Levi Haydon, Brenden Fringer, Benson Jeffery, Ben McLatchie, Charlotte Lavery
2G	Jessica Swan, Boston Becker, Marli Teunis, Mardi Steele	6W	Izy Van Loggerenberg, Matia Fronis, James McSorley, Arliah Stein-Edwards
		6G	Ava Pocock, Jayla Thirkettle, Noah McGinn, Ed Rodgers



JUNIOR SCHOOL 5C AWARDS 27.8.2020 and 3.9.2020

CARE	Harvey Sandmann, Josh Needham, Lucas McClelland, Addison Casey-Marshall, Chloe O'Donnell, Jackson Byrne, Lucas Antonieff, Hunter Behague, Jacob England, Ben McLatchie, Kira Morris, Evie Hussey, Piper Currin, Conrad McClelland, Alice Clements, Alicia Graham, Scarlet Goodwin, Benson Jeffery, Adelaide Knijff, Rylee Watson
COURAGE	Annabelle Cadman, Jessica Swan, Grace Vladusic, Jeremy Newland, Rachael Hirst, Ava Coleman, Poppy Barrago, Bridgette Christensen, Lara Hammond, Jessica England, Maja Gabriel, Corey Cox, Lily Teunis, Hannah Banfield, Chloe O'Donnell
COMMITMENT	Marnie Hamilton, Alicia Graham, Bayleigh Miles, Martha Elliott, Isabella Ewart, Sofia Hirai Nascimento, Chloe O'Donnell, Kyle Day, Roman Morant, Abigail Hall, Tiana Pospisil, Olivia Ridgley, Lily Kenny, Amelia Ramage, Savannah Neumann, Lucas Elliott, Emily Barclay, Ben McLatchie, Madisyn Imber, Fynn Hartshorn, Jay Coleman, Josh Rodwell, Paige Jocumsen, Samuel Newland, Amelia Bausch, Ava Pocock, Jayla Thirkettle, Javier Payano, Jakob Pitt, Rachel Adom, Ava Coleman, Geoffrey Boland, Blake Johnson, Nicholas Jackson, Ebony Shearn, Ashlyn Ridgley, Tyler Johnson, Cameron Bellman, Claire Schuller, Jayla Thirkettle, Emma Donaldson
COURTESY	Zachary Laughton, Milan Krzovski, Roxy Goble, Brooklyn McGregor, Summer Saunders, Isla Blacket, Josiah Kaiser, Gabby Milner, Ryan Mackrodt, Eitan Roth, Summer Hammond, Sam McIntosh, Ivy Coleman, Willow Behague, Braith Haydon, Archer Duff-Hooper, Kyle Jehring, Imogen McDonald
COMMONSENSE	Stella Goble, Byron Maher, Christopher Blockley, Satvik Talla, Hunter Behague, Natalie McDonald, Archer Richards, Brenden Fringer, Josiah Kaiser, James Stevenson, Alex Sumer, Sophie Grant, Grace Ewart, Max Bernard, Keith Perry, Jayla Thirkettle

MUSIC NEWS

FAITH'S GOT TALENT 2020 - WOW! What a huge response to Faith's Got Talent! Entries included horse riding, juggling, singing, parkour, acrobatics, gymnastics, dancing, scooter tricks, more singing, playing an instrument, bands, drawing, art and much more.



With just over 130 entries from students across the College, the judges now have the difficult task to short list our entries into semi-finalists.

All students who entered are to be commended for their courage and for sharing their gifts and talents with the community. Semi-finalists will be announced over the coming week. Finalists will be revealed early Term 4.

Faith really has Got Talent!

AUSTRALIAN GOVERNMENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

We would like to thank and acknowledge the contribution of the Australian Government – Local Schools Community grant for the funding put towards the resurfacing of our Junior School SPAH.



SPORTS NEWS

BMX CHAMPION - Molly Williamson (Year 5) was recently crowned the National series Winner by BMX Australia for both 10 year old Girls on her 20" BMX (premier class) and 8-10 year Girls Cruiser Class. This was based on perfect results in the races earlier in the year prior to Shutdown at Nerang and Shepparton Victoria. Over the past month and the restart of BMX Racing, Molly completed the final 4 rounds (total of 7 for the year) of the South Queensland Shootout Series winning both the 10 year old Girls on her 20" BMX (premier class) and 8-10 year Girls Cruiser Class. Molly now looks forward to the Queensland State Championships being held in the September School holidays locally at the Sleemans Sports Complex. All the very best Molly, we are proud of your achievements!



JUNIOR SCHOOL TENNIS FESTIVAL - The first ever Inter-House Tennis Festival is almost here! In conjunction with Tennis Queensland and Bayside Tennis Coaching, we will have all Prep to Year 6 students involved in tennis matches and activities throughout the day on **Tuesday, 15 September**.

House shirts are important for the day, as points are on offer throughout all the activities. Courts and rules are modified to even the competition out for all students. A brand-new winning trophy arranged by Bayside Tennis Coaching is the prize for the winning house at the end of the festival.

Racquets will be supplied, but if students have their own racquet, they are welcome to bring it to use for the day.

To finish the day, we will have professional player Kim Birrell as our special guest for our presentations.

ACTIVE@FAITH - in the Secondary College, it is very exciting with sporting action everywhere! There is group tennis coaching, volleyball, netball, basketball, touch and futsal team training almost every day before school, during lunch breaks and after school, along with Faith Flyers and strength training in the Faith Gym. Towards the end of next term we will also be bringing back the Faith Fins Swim Squad to get an early start for the swim season next year!

This Saturday sees the conclusion of the Junior Netball Competition, and after this week Touch will be taking a break for the school holidays. Volleyball teams will play next Monday before also taking a break.

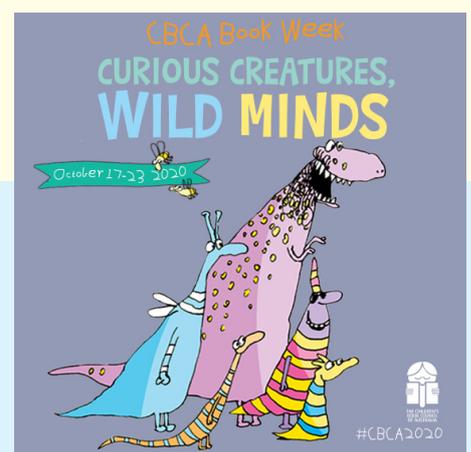
Last weekend saw one of our most successful weekends of sport so far in 2020 with wins in all of our sports - **GO THE FALCONS!**



GET READY FOR BOOK WEEK!

Book Week is fast approaching – 19-23 October (Week 3, Term 4).

This year's theme is Curious Creatures, Wild Minds. While activities and events will look a bit different this year, there are still many ways for students to get involved and join in the fun!



BOOK CHARACTER DRESS-UP DAY – Wednesday, 21 October for both Junior and Secondary School. Come dressed as your favourite book character.

COMPETITIONS – We will be running a number of competitions from next week and some more during Book Week. Some of these might make great holiday activities.

- Colouring-in (Prep-Year 6). Colouring sheets available from next Monday in class trays (P-3) or collect from the library (Year 4-6). Entries due back to the library by Wednesday, 14 October.
- Create a book trailer (Year 3-12). Read one of the shortlisted or notable books for this year and make a 'Book Trailer' (like a Movie Trailer) to promote the book to others. Details and entry form available from either library from Monday. Competition closes Wednesday, 14 October.
- Short Story (P- Year 12). Write and illustrate a short story related to the theme Curious Creatures, Wild Minds. We'd love to publish these! Competition details and entry form available from either library from Monday. Competition closes Wednesday, 14 October.

BORROWING DURING THE HOLIDAYS - Students are welcome to borrow books over the holidays provided they do not have any overdue. We ask that they take super good care of them over the holiday period and not take them places where they might be lost or damaged.

Don't forget that eBooks are a great option during the holidays too. Students from Year 1-12 can sign in using their school email address and password.

Primary eBook Library – <https://faithlutheranprimary.wheelers.co/>

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Those with mobile devices can download the ePlatform by Wheelers app – <https://faithlutheransecondary.wheelers.co/help/apps/eplatform-app>





Faith OSHC

Upcoming Program

Week Commencing: Monday 7th August				
Before School Care				
Paint a Rainbow	Paint mural flowers	Flower making	Lady beetles	Bugs
After School Care				
Each afternoon the children are provided a first snack of platter of Fruit and Vegetables				
Baguette and Toppings - cheese, tomato, vegemite, honey, ham, salami, lettuce, cucumber,	Pasta with a vegetable infused Bolognese sauce	Homemade Scones - with toppings of syrup, jam and cream	Homemade Chicken and vegetable sausage rolls	Toasties - Fillings - Cheese, Tomato, Baked Beans, Ham, Salami, Vegemite
Capture the flag	SPAH/Cooking	Lady bird (YT)	Gymnastics	Red rover
Week Commencing: Monday 14th September				
Before School Care				
Spring Collage	Make flower bracelets YT	Paper Flower garland	Make clay beads	Playdough
After School Care				
Each afternoon the children are provided a first snack of platter of Fruit and Vegetables				
Muffins - Apple and Cinnamon plus popcorn	MYO Sandwiches - filling choices - Ham, Salami, cheese, lettuce, tomato, carrot, cucumber, Vegemite	Home made Lemon and Yoghurt Bread plus dip and dippers	Stir Fry chicken and noodles with a variety of fresh vegetables	Pizza - Topped with ham, pineapple, capsicum, onion, cheese and zucchini
Chess	SPAH/Cooking	Origami bugs	Gymnastics	Aus tag

What's been happening



We are always having fun at OSHC. We focused on Dad and made lots of presents including scratchies, Super Dads and Dad Rocks. Get it Dad Rocks. The jokes are thick and fast at OSHC We are also exploring our natural environment with the children loving catching Lady birds. Bookings are open for Vacation Care. Don't miss out. Book early!

Warm Thanks

Kat



Faith OSHC

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New Bookings - <https://www.faithlutheran.qld.edu.au/our-college/oshc>

We use Xplor for existing booking changes

Faith Spring Vacation Care Program – Book to avoid disappointment

Monday 21st September	Tuesday, 22 September 2020	Wednesday, 23 September 2020	Thursday, 24 September 2020	Friday, 25 September 2020
<p>Spin a game</p>  <p>Play lots of games including Kick tennis Golden child Pac Man</p>	<p>Magic Show</p> <p>It's crazy, interactive magic show with a lot of fun</p>  <p>JOHNNY THE JESTER</p>	<p>Picnic Games</p> <p>Lets play at the park and have three legged races, egg and spoon and heaps of fun</p> 	<p>Escape room challenge</p> <p>Can you solve codes and riddles and break your team free</p>  <p>Break Free Escape Room Can you escape?</p>	<p>Masterchef</p> <p>Take a Masterclass in cake decorating. Decorate your own cup cakes and take some home to your family</p> 
Monday, 28 September 2020	Tuesday, 29 September 2020	Wednesday, 30 September 2020	Thursday, 1 October 2020	Friday, 2 October 2020
<p>Faith Ninja Warrior</p> <p>Jump, run, climb and swing to complete the ninja warrior course</p> 	<p>Slime and floam</p> <p>Make your own ooey goey slime.</p> 	<p>Pedal Go Carts</p> 	<p>Ga Ga champs</p> <p>Ga Ga champs. Who will be crowned the Champion?</p> 	<p>Talent Show</p> <p>Sing, Dance, do magic, juggle on Faiths Got Talent</p> 

Comments, Complaints, Questions or Concerns

We are always happy to hear from the Faith College community. Feel free to contact us.