



The Miserable Ones

Victor Hugo wrote his now famous novel Les Miserables in the mid 1800's. It was first published in 1862 and is arguably one of the greatest 4 or 5 novels ever written. Number one in my opinion.



I have used the English translation of the title above. It has been variously translated across the last hundred years or so as, The Wretched, The Miserable Ones, The Poor Ones, The Wretched Poor, The Victims ... the list goes on. But you get the picture. So why is a book with such a depressing name so famous, so important? Perhaps Victor Hugo himself can answer that question with his words from the preface of the novel below.

So long as there shall exist, by reason of law and custom, a social condemnation, which, in the face of civilization, artificially creates hells on earth, and complicates a destiny that is divine with human fatality; so long as the three problems of the age – the degradation of man by poverty, the ruining of women by starvation, and the dwarfing of childhood by physical and spiritual night – are not solved; so long as, in certain regions, social asphyxia shall be possible; in other words, and from a yet more extended point of view, so long as ignorance and misery remain on earth, books like this cannot be useless. (Hugo, 1862) It's a mouthful to be sure. The last sentence is the kicker. So long as ignorance and misery remain on earth, books like this cannot be useless.

Many people know of Les Miserables of course as the famous musical. I love it, I have seen it variously over the years and can pretty much recite every song word for word. The recent movie version with Anne Hathaway as Fantine brought the story back to our attention. That version was harrowing indeed. There is, at the moment, a BBC mini-series of the story (no singing) on Foxtel on a Sunday night which is also very good, I look forward to procuring the DVD when it comes out (can you still get DVD's?)

The reason I love these renditions so much is because I read the 1200 page epic back in my 20's and it changed my life. Victor Hugo writes the story of Jean Valjean (essentially) a man who, when he least deserved it was shown unconditional, self-sacrificial love by the Bishop of Digne. One simple act of grace that changed a man who had only known hate and oppression into a man of grace and love himself. The character of Jean Valjean is flawed but noble. He lives a life of self-denial and gracious loving-kindness to the end of his days. When he has opportunities to do the wrong thing to make life easier, he chooses to do the right thing and live with the difficult consequences of the same. It struck a chord with me deeply back then and still speaks so strongly to the quality of character that I aspire to as a Christian man, a man of faith who is undeservedly redeemed.

But what has all that deep stuff got to do with schools, with our school, with our kids? Well, last night I had the great pleasure of watching some of our FLCR choral students perform with Tenori, a trio of tenors. They spent the day workshopping with students from Trinity LC, LORDS and St Andrews LC which culminated in a combined performance. As part of the show Tenori sang Bring Him Home from Les Miserables and it was delightful. The song has been rolling around in my head all morning and all the Les Mis stuff in my brain has been active once again.

And so, I google and research and see Hugo's quote above. '... the dwarfing of childhood by physical and spiritual night.' And I think about the world our kids are living in. I ask myself, 'Are our children dwarfed by physical and spiritual night in our society?' I suspect that physically our children have never been better off, certainly they do not endure the physical hardships of the Parisian urchins of the 1800s. But spiritually?

Yeah, I think our world can still be a dark place for children. I think there is still much in our society that seeks to overwhelm, to mislead, to misdirect or distract our children. I think there is much that seeks to individualise and alienate instead of bind and strengthen, I think that traditional, wholesome things are increasingly portrayed as old-fashioned silly things; that might is right, that bad is good, the list goes on. And I know that there is a God of Love, a Lord of Life, a Good Teacher. I know that in a Lutheran School the Gospel of Jesus Christ informs all teaching and learning and human relationships. And I think. So long as ignorance and misery remain on earth, schools like this cannot be useless.

Shane Altmann - Principal

SECONDARY SCHOOL

END OF TERM

What a phenomenal term of learning and opportunity for our students. Even this week we have students participating in our new style Cross Country Carnival, a Harmony Day focussed end of term dinner for our Year 7's and their families, two Holy Week Services on the Secondary Campus and an opportunity for us to join our Junior School for a closing worship. It is a blessing to be part of such a dynamic and energised community that keeps our students engaged and involved right till the end of term.

YEAR 7 END OF TERM DINNER

Thank you to the Year 7 team and families who brought a dish inspired from their cultural background to share as part of Harmony Day activities. We are blessed to have such great opportunities to come together as a community.



CLOSING SERVICE

All families are invited to attend the Whole College Closing Worship commencing at 1:45pm on Friday in SPAH at Link Road.

Students will walk to Link Road just after lunch and return to the Secondary Campus by the end of the school day for normal pick up.

PARTNERSHIP MEETINGS

Information will be sent home soon about Partnership Meetings in the Secondary School. These are an opportunity to touch base with teachers and discuss progress in Term 1. Partnership meetings will be requested by teachers; however, parents are welcome to book meetings even if they aren't requested. All bookings can be made via Parent Lounge at the start of Term 2.

UNIFORM

Students in the Secondary School will be required to wear their Winter Uniform, including the blazer from the beginning of Week 4, Term 2 which is Monday, 20 May. The uniform policy can be found on the College website.

TERM 2 CALENDAR

Term 2 is shaping up to be a busy term. Please keep a close eye on the calendar, College App, emails and the College's social media accounts to find out more.

LILY FORBES - ANZAC DAY

Year 12 student, Lily Forbes, will be travelling to France for ANZAC Day to perform with the Voices of Birralee Choir at the Australian National Memorial, Villers-Bretonneux. This performance is part of a 5 year commitment with the Department of Veterans' Affairs. We wish Lily and her family safe travel as they continue to be involved with this special ceremony.

*Stuart Needham
Head of Secondary School*

JUNIOR SCHOOL

FAITHFUL IN THE LITTLE THINGS - Over the past 10 weeks, we have given out **175 - 5C certificates to our students**. What a testimony this is to the culture of our Junior School! Our students, on a regular basis, show self control and commitment to the little things and this adds up to seeing a vibrant, caring community among our students that is **THE FAITH DIFFERENCE**.

I have enjoyed getting to know each of our students and having the privilege of helping them learn in the classroom and see them in action in the playground. I pray all families will have a safe and refreshing Easter break and we look forward to welcoming you back in Term 2 on Tuesday, 23 April. Thank you for continuing to partner with us on your child's educational journey.



HOLY WEEK - Thank you to all our parents, students and teachers who have worked so hard to prepare and present our Holy Week services. It has been a wonderful time of reflection over the meaning of the Easter Story. We are looking forward to our final service on Friday where our Secondary students will join us for the very special resurrection celebration. The start time is a little earlier to allow travel time for our older students, so see you all for a 1:45pm start.

ATTENTION TO DETAIL; UNIFORM - As we continue to encourage our students to be faithful in the small things, and wear their uniform with pride, can you please remind your children over the holidays, of the following small areas that we can improve in to keep our Faith Difference on display:

Boys shirts are to be tucked in during the school day - It is understood that during break times when playing, that the shirt may inadvertently come out, but students must ensure it is tucked in again on return to class.

Hair must be:

- Neat, clean and tidy at all times. It should not touch the collar or cover the face or ears. Styles that draw attention to the student (e.g. longer hair on top that is covering eyes, rat's tails, sharp style contrasts etc) are not permitted.
- Styled to ensure hats can be worn securely (e.g. girls high ponytails preventing hats being placed firmly on their heads etc).
- Securely tied up with 1 or 2 braids, 1 pony tail or 2 pigtailed and secured with school colour ribbons or scrunchies, if it is touching your uniform collar or longer.

In cooler weather, boys are able to wear long pants and girls may choose to wear navy stockings in place of socks. Girls, however, are not permitted to wear socks over the top of their stockings. Sports jumpers can only be worn with sports uniform.

SCHOOL TRAFFIC SAFETY - Keeping our students safe during busy drop off and pick up times is of high importance on our Junior School Campus. Whilst we know at times, these rules can be hard amongst the fast pace of a school day, we appreciate you taking the time to help us keep our children safe.

Prep Carpark

Children must be accompanied at all times when parents are in the carpark area.

Please park only in the areas designated for parents.

If you are arriving after 8:30am, please park outside on Link Road, as the parent carpark will be full and reversing or turning your vehicle around in this space can be problematic.

Drive-through zone

Children are to **exit the left-hand side (curb side) of the vehicle only**.

To ensure we are all safe from harm, no person (child/adult) can go to the boot or right-hand side of the car in the drive through zone.

If your child needs to put items in the boot, then you will need to park then come and collect them to do so.

2020 ENROLMENTS - Places are filling fast! We are currently interviewing for Prep 2020 and other vacancies that exist in some year levels. If you have not enrolled your child yet, please do so as soon as possible to ensure there is a place for them. If you know of a family that would love to join the Faith community, invite them to book in for a school tour so that they can see the Faith difference for themselves. Our annual 'Take a Peek' at Prep day will also be coming up on Thursday, 2 May.

YEAR 6 CANBERRA TOUR - Thank you to all our parents who joined us for our information evening last week. This year's trip is set to be an exciting adventure and a learning experience covering key HASS concepts in our curriculum. The itinerary will assist our students to gain a depth of knowledge about the history of democracy and our nation's capital. Expressions of interest are due to be returned so if you haven't returned one for your child yet, please send this into the office as soon as possible. Students not attending will be participating in a project-based alternate work program to ensure they have the opportunity to cover similar learning outcomes that our students will experience during our National Capital Tour.

SCHOOL PHOTOS COMING SOON - Our school photos will be on 30 April 2019. Photo envelopes will be sent home with your child early in Term 2, so be on the lookout for them so you don't miss out!

CREATIVE DANCE INDUSTRIES - Will continue to run lessons on Wednesday afternoons, in the SPAH, for Term 2. We look forward to our Prep – Year 2 students having the opportunity to join this program and enjoy a creative outlet.

Can't wait to see you all back at school on 23 April, have a fabulous break and enjoy those special moments with your children.

Jodi Blackwell and Greg Tagney



COLLEGE DATE CLAIMERS

Wednesday, 3 April	Year 6 Student/Parent Tech Night SHINE Program
Friday, 5 April	Junior School Cross Country Last Day of Term 1
Tuesday, 23 April	First Day of Term 2
Wednesday, 24 April	8:30am Secondary School ANZAC Service 10:00am Junior School ANZAC Service Shine Program
Thursday, 25 April	ANZAC Day Public Holiday
Saturday, 27 April	GBC Sport - Term 2 Preseason round
Monday, 29 April	Year 12 Mighty Minds QCS Preparation
Tuesday, 30 April	Junior School Photos
Wednesday, 1 May	Secondary School Photos SHINE Program
Thursday, 2 May	Take a Peek at Prep
Friday, 3 May	ALWS Junior School Awareness Day
Saturday, 4 May	JTAS - Term 2 Round 1 GBC - Term 2 Round 1 (BYE)
Monday, 6 May	Labour Day Public Holiday
Tuesday, 7 May	Secondary School Partnership Meetings

IMPORTANT DATES

AWARDS

JUNIOR SCHOOL 5C AWARDS

CARE	Bridgette Christensen (1G), Boston Becker (1G), Aaliyah Miles (3W), Aija Kins (3W), Imogen McDonald (5N), Matia Fronis (5W), Cameron Burow (6G), Kate Roulent (6G)
CONSIDERATION	Kobe Townsend (1G), Kobe Townsend (1G), Lauren Hirst (3N), Max Rhodes (3W), Lorelai Bradic (4W)
COMMITMENT	Tyran Thirkettle (3W), Archer Duff-Hooper (3G), Ryan Ghazvini (3G), Danielle Davidson (4N), Jacob England (4N), Ruby Vanderlei (4W), Zoe Gardiner (5W), Kasey Ball (6G)
COMMONSENSE	Ishan Vinod (PG), Koby Savas (1G), Arianna Churchward (1G), Michael Campbell (1G), Oliver La Rosa (3W)
COURTESY	Nate Zordan (4W), Ed Rodgers (5W)

JUNIOR SCHOOL CLASS AWARDS

1N	Max Bernard, Jessica Swan, Sofia Diggins, Marli Teunis, Nash Thew, Ebony Shearn	4N	Adelaide Knijff, Alex Sumer
1G	Jack Schuller, Lachlan Mooney, Alicia Graham	4W	Liam Clenaghan, Claire Schuller
2G	Noah Quin, Harry Dodd, Lewis Morrisby, Roxy Goble	4G	Ethan Savas, Riley-Jaye Williams
2W	Matt Helmrich, Bradley Knijff, Andrew Wilson, Ethan Muller	5N	Kai Grant, Leni Mila, Brodie Tilson, Jayla Thirkettle
3N	Mathilda Ross, Daniel Bickell, Millie Pocock, Sienna Maloney	5W	Reina Zordan, Sam McIntosh, Zoe Gardiner, Cody, Antonieff
3W	Tyler Romari, Maddy Hartley, Hannah Banfield, Ella Broderick, Aija Kins	6W	Tommy Lou, Jacob Ladlow, Jamieson Baxter, Sierra Fringer
3G	Asha Florian, Kyle Day, Archer Duff-Hooper, Abigail Hall	6G	Teagen O'Neill, Jamie Needham, Natalie Tonks, Mannie Quin



SPORTS NEWS

Congratulations to all students who participated in GBC Sport for Term 1. A special mention to our Junior B Volleyball Team and Senior Cricket Team on reaching the Grand Final. Our Volleyball team were runners up (by a narrow margin) along with our Cricketers (with their result decided by a wash out). Please contact me to sign up for Term 2 sports by email: ajackson@fcr.qld.edu.au.



A big congratulations to Conor Daff who swam at the Brisbane Senior Metropolitan Championships and took home Gold, Silver and Bronze medals in the 100m Backstroke, 200m Backstroke and 400m Freestyle. Conor will be competing in the above events and 200m Freestyle, 800m Freestyle at the Australian Age Swimming Championships in Adelaide from 15 to 21 April.

COLLEGE SHOP

OPENING HOURS

Monday	7:45am to 10:00am
Wednesday	7:45am to 10:00am
Friday	7:45am to 10:00am
First Saturday of every month	8:30am - 11:00am



MUSIC NEWS

WHAT'S HAPPENING NEXT...?

Wednesday, 24 April ANZAC services at Secondary and Junior Campus.

Joseph and His Technicolour Dreamcoat Rehearsal 3.15pm- 5.30pm Junior Music Classroom

Thursday, 2 May Joseph and His Technicolour Dreamcoat Rehearsal 3.15pm – 5.30pm SPAH

SENIOR SINGERS - HERITAGE AND HARMONY FIESTA

The Senior Singers performed at the Heritage and Harmony Fiesta. Despite the hot weather, 20 children performed "Why we Sing" a lovely song sharing the message of harmony with others through music. Afterwards a few of us had a ride on the train and spent some time checking out the Fiesta.

Mrs Young from the Redlands Museum sent the following email...

I would like to extend a huge thank you on behalf of the Redlands Museum and myself for our appreciation to Faith Lutheran College for your wonderful performance on Sunday at the Heritage & Harmony Fiesta.

The Children sang beautifully and were extremely well groomed and perfectly mannered, a credit to the school. Your involvement was greatly appreciated and added so much fun and engagement to the Heritage & Harmony Fiesta.



Thank you to the Senior Singers, Miss Candy and Mrs Altmann.

VOICES OF FAITH - LUTHERAN SCHOOLS VOCAL WORKSHOP AND CONCERT

We had the privilege of working with Tenori on Monday at Trinity Lutheran College as part of our annual Combined Lutheran Schools Choral Event. Throughout the day we engaged in stage craft, performance, constructive critiques and combined choral training with staff and students from LORDS, St Andrews and Trinity Lutheran College.

The day culminated in a fabulous concert, celebrating the arts within our Lutheran schools. A range of choirs and repertoire showcased the talent of our students. We were treated to a wonderful set by Tenori, who related beautifully to the students and their audience. Undoubtedly the highlight was the massed choir singing with Tenori performing a Bee Gees Medley, You Raise Me Up and Nessun Dorma.



COMMUNITY NEWS



Armbands are officially on sale **NOW**. Here is the link to purchase them <https://www.trybooking.com/book/sessions?eid=490579>

Major Prize Draw - tickets will be sent home to Junior School families via class trays - please keep an eye out. Tickets for Secondary School students will be available for collection from the Secondary School Office upon request. Remember, they are only \$2 per ticket - Major prizes to be won!

1st Prize - \$5,000 Holiday

2nd Prize - \$799 iPad 128gb

3rd Prize - \$692 Kayak and Paddle

If anyone is looking at having a market stall please contact natalie2815@gmail.com for an application and information pack.

FIREWORKS will be at 6:00pm on Funfest night!

REDLANDS LUTHERAN CHURCH

INVITES YOU TO

enjoy a night of Fellowship and Fun

TRIVIA

NIGHT

THIS IS A FELLOWSHIP AND FUNDRAISING EVENT

27th
APRIL

Arrive 6.30pm
- register

7 p.m.

SPAH building at Faith Junior School
Link Road Victoria Point

COST - \$10

BYO nibbles and drinks – Supper will be provided

BRING A PRIZE – Church members only

RSVP TO GARRY

Get together a table of 8 or ring Garry on 0422330740



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Dear Sir/Madam

As we approach the end of term one and the Easter break, I am writing to you today to seek your assistance in getting our road safety message to the parents and care givers within your school community.

The Easter Road Safety Campaign, which is being conducted between 5 April and 26 April, is a coordinated state-wide policing activity designed to improve road safety and reduce the number of fatal traffic crashes for the Easter and associated back to school period.

During this period, a multi-faceted strategy will be employed which will include high visibility policing on major roadways and enforcement of the Fatal Five factors: speed, drink/drug driving, seat belts, fatigue and distraction.

Unfortunately, our police are still attending devastating road crash fatalities and serious traffic crashes whereby poor driver behaviour has been the primary contributing factor to the crash. The effects on loved ones, friends, the greater community and our local police and other emergency services is devastating and far reaching.

I am seeking your assistance in communicating our road safety message within your school community. Please, let's all drive safely and to the conditions of the road.

Finally, I would like to take this opportunity to wish your school community a safe and Happy Easter.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'V A Nelson'.

V A Nelson APM
Superintendent
Assistant District Officer
SOUTH BRISBANE DISTRICT