



CONNECTED...

Connected. There isn't a thing that is, that isn't.

You may have heard the story of the regeneration of the Yellowstone National Park in the USA through *trophic cascade*. This process is essentially the flow down benefits of fixing something higher up the food chain.



In summary, wolves had not been in Yellowstone National Park for about 70 years. They were introduced in the mid 1990's again and had an immediate impact. Over the previous 70 years deer numbers had increased without the apex predator to sort them out. Wolves reduced the numbers but also caused the deer to change their behaviour. The deer avoided areas where they were easy hunting. In these areas the grasses and trees grew back more abundantly without being chomped off when very small. The trees came back, the birds came back, and the beavers came back. The beavers dammed the river, as they do, this encouraged otters, and muskrats and fish. The wolves also reduced coyote numbers, this brought back the rabbits and mice and that bought back the eagles and hawks. Vultures returned feasting on carcasses as did bears. Ultimately the balance in the ecosystem, the regeneration of the eroded areas from over-population of deer, the filtering of the rivers through the work of beaver dams all saw rivers return to their natural condition, flowing properly with less suspended dirt, cleaner, better.

All because of the wolves. The wolves fixed the rivers. You can Google it!

We all know very well of course that our environment is a carefully balanced system. One only has to look at the mess in the rivers in western NSW to see what damage over-clearing and over-farming can do. What were once clean, clear rivers now often run brown, if they run at all. It is not endemic to Australia, the Nile River, once mighty in flood now behaves very differently with the construction of the Aswan Dam many decades ago, the flow down effect on the Nile Delta is significant without the annual inundation of fresh soil and nutrients from regular flooding.

The link to our kids and the work of schools is obvious to me. We are all connected. Mums and Dads, kids and teachers, home and school, community and government, funding and curriculum. The old saying goes, 'it takes a village to raise a child'. I disagree, it takes the whole world to raise a child. So much of our everyday lives is hooked in to a new global reality. We have sneakers from one country, computers from another, food from somewhere else and I don't even know what country they build Holden's in anymore. We are all individuals, but we rely on each other so much. We are independent, but inter-dependent.

Every time Pastor Brenton starts a chapel service he does so in the name of the triune God. Father, Son and Holy Spirit, 3 persons, one God. Even God is in permanent relationship with himself. He designed us to be like him, connected, reliant, comforted and comforting, one with each other, here for each other.

Thank you for your connection to our College in 2019. As this is our last newsletter for the year it is fitting to honour all those who make a difference, who connect in service of the students in our care. Thank you families, thank you teachers, thank you office ladies and grounds staff and support staff. Thank you to our amazing kids, our beautiful students whose character and connectedness make each day in this wonderful school special.

May each of us find space and time to connect this Christmas with the baby Jesus. He who came down from heaven for us, to connect as Immanuel, God with us.

*Shane Altmann
Principal.*

SECONDARY SCHOOL

YEAR 6/7 TRANSITION PROGRAM - Transition days at Faith consist of four unique days spread across the year where students from the Faith Junior School and other external schools, experience spaces, subjects and get to know teachers. Last week we had the final day for students coming to the Secondary School in 2020. It was great to see how well the students engaged with each other during the day.

DRAMA AND MEDIA SHOWCASE NIGHT - We held our inaugural Faith Film Festival. It was a wonderful evening showcasing the short films created by our talented Drama and Media students from Year 8 to 10. It was a fantastic celebration of the amazing talent that we have here at Faith. We congratulate our award winners and say thanks to everyone who came along and supported the students. A special thank you to Year 10 student Luke Francis and Pastor Brenton for assisting with sound and lighting and William McLeod for sharing his insights about the film and television industry.

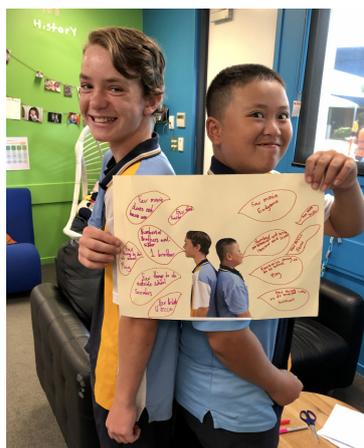
CAKE DECORATING - Congratulations to our Year 10 Hospitality students on their cake decorating creations. As part of their Design Challenge they had to plan, prepare and present a themed celebration cake. Celebrations included Birthdays, Gender Reveal, Wedding, Christmas and Halloween. Our Hospitality students do amazing work and are supported by a great group of teachers.

SUBJECT SELECTIONS - All students in Year 7 – 10 should have received their subject selections for 2020. If students need to change subjects, they need to make an appointment with Mr Moore at the start of 2020.

LAST WEEK OF SCHOOL - YEAR 7 TO 9 - Our teachers have been busy preparing some great learning for our students in their last week. A portion of Thursday is set aside for Pastoral Care Group activities and Friday we have organised some fun activities for students on their last day. The school is expecting students to attend right through till the end of Term.

FINAL THOUGHT FOR THE TERM - As this is the final Newsletter for the year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the excellent teachers on this campus for the great work they do in support of our students to provide them with the best possible learning opportunities and growth.

Stuart Needham, Head of Secondary School



JUNIOR SCHOOL

ICAS - Congratulations to all our students who have completed the ICAS Assessments in 2019. This Friday during assembly (1:30pm in the SPAH) we will award the English and Writing Certificates for Credit, Merit and Distinction achievement levels to the following students. All welcome to attend.

	CREDIT	MERIT	DISTINCTION
ENGLISH	Alivia Imber, Stella Eberhard, Sienna Maloney, Millie Pocock, Hannah Banfield, Joshua Rodwell, Reina Zordan, Billie Milner	Hayley Burchard, Charlotte Boyce	Lucas Bird
WRITING	Hannah Banfield, Emma Stanley, Joshua Rodwell	Millie Pocock, Sienna Maloney	Lucas Bird, Charlotte Boyce, Imogen McDonald, Reina Zordan

2020 JUNIOR SCHOOL STAFFING - Some of the most powerful professional growth for a teacher comes in extending and applying their teaching practice to new scenarios. Our Junior School staff have now finished working through a process, with Greg and I, of sharing their passion areas and preferences for 2020 and we would like to share a few exciting changes that will be happening next year. However, please be mindful that as enrolment numbers fluctuate, so too will some of our year level staffing so this information is a guide rather than an absolute at this stage of the year.

The following teachers will be changing year levels in 2020:

TEACHER NAME	2020 YEAR LEVEL
Joh Cassidy	Year 2
Kathryn Feeney	Year 6
Susanne Cook	Prep
Monique Woods	Year 5
Narelle Bell	Year 1
Kim Spencer	Year 5
Tracey Underhill	Year 1
Margaret Cave	Year 2
Jodie Keyes	Year 3



Whilst there are some more staffing changes to come, these are a few that we are able to share with our community at this point in time. Vicki Gadsdon will be farewelled at the end of this year as she is off on an exciting adventure with her husband, as they prepare to move to regional Victoria where she will take up a teaching position in another Lutheran school. We thank Vicki for her many years of service and wish her all the best on this new journey. Miss Jacinta Sutton will be taking 12 months leave from Faith to travel overseas, expanding her teaching practices and travelling. We wish Jacinta safe travels and lots of adventures. There will also be some additional staff that have been on leave returning to Faith in 2020.

As previously advised, whilst we do not accommodate specific teacher requests, our goal is certainly successful placement for all of our students. Your child's current teacher knows what they need and how they learn best, so have confidence in their knowledge of both our staff and students as they prepare lists for 2020. When our administration team and teaching staff return in the new year, we will review the new enrolments that have come in over the Christmas break. Following that, class groups will be adjusted and communicated to families on 15 January 2020.

SPEECH AND DRAMA PERFORMANCE - The Speech and Drama students would love it if you could attend their show on Saturday, 1 December at 12:15pm.

Venue: The Star Theatre, Peel St Manly **Duration:** 40 minutes

The show is entitled 'Believe'. It consists of a fairy queen and an evil countess, we even have an aerial act (our fairy – Fantasia). Tickets are only \$8 - for tickets go to : www.ltkspeechanddrama.com.au

Fear, excitement, worry, fun, joy, challenge, courage, patience, wonder, thankfulness and prayer. These are just a few of the things I have experienced this year as I reflect on my first year at Faith. As I thought about what I wanted to write about in our end of year newsletter, the word **courage** kept coming back to me. When I think back to January this year, when I didn't know the names of anyone at Faith, I think how much **courage** it took to step outside into the playground and classrooms each day and get to know each one of you. You see having **courage** doesn't mean you are not afraid, having **courage** means you are strong enough to make mistakes, try new things, work hard, listen to others and always give 100%. Throughout this year, I have watched so many of our Junior School students bounce back from challenges, dig deep and show **courage** and that they are made of the right stuff both in and out of the classroom.

At our celebration of learning yesterday, I handed out the inaugural 6th 'C' award for **Courage** to a few students who have really shown courage when no one was looking or have overcome things that I have noticed being really tough for them throughout this year. To me, this is what the Faith difference is all about! Seeing our kids strive to be the very best person that they can be, to see them be courageous enough to bounce back, make mistakes, and give 100% even when things are hard.

As this is our last newsletter for 2019, I would like to take a moment to thank our community for their support and encouragement as I have settled into Faith this year. It has been a joy and pleasure getting to know you all and to have the privilege of guiding your students through their learning journey this year. 2020 is shaping up to be an exciting year already and I am excited to see things unfold. I pray you have a restful and meaningful family time over Christmas. **See you all in 2020!**

Have a wonderful week!

Jodi Blackwell and Greg Tagney



OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE...

School finishes next week. That means Vacation Care is just around the corner. We have a fantastic program organised, envied by OSHCs all around us! Make sure you check it out on our app or come over to OSHC and have a look. Some of our **ADVENTURE WEEK** excursions are already full! There is a waitlist available but it will be first in first served for any spots that come up.

To book in online, follow the link below or head to our app.

<https://faithoshc.wufoo.com/forms/summer-20192020-vacation-care/>



To avoid large accounts after Christmas, please make sure you pay your account as soon as possible. From Easter Vacation Care 2020, accounts will need to be paid in full before bookings are accepted.

If we don't see you before Christmas, from all the team at OSHC we wish you a blessed Christmas and holiday period surrounded by the people you love most.

AWARDS

JUNIOR SCHOOL 5C AWARDS

CARE	Ezekiel McConnell (PN), Jade Morgan (PW), Alexis Hill (PG), Juliene Nery (1G), April Del Manso (1G), Riley Shreeve (2W), Georgia Knijff (2G), Lewis Morrisby (2G), Libbi Gardiner (3N), Chloe O'Donnell (3W), Roman Morant (3W), Zoe Gardiner (5W)
CONSIDERATION	Emma-Rose Byrne (PN), Nash Thew (1N), Max Bernard (1N), Michael Campbell (1G), Bridgette Christensen (1G), Maya Kaiser (3W)
COMMITMENT	Ava Stanley (PW), Hunter Graue (PW), Dylan Cooper (PG), Charlotte Whittington (PG), Jack Smith (PG), Oliver Kenny (1G)
COURTESY	Giuliana Totojesko (PN), Mia Rowe (PN), Geoffrey Boland (PW), William Shipp (PG), Lemuel van der Merwe (1N), Oliver Beattie (1G), Oliver Beattie (1G), Alicia Graham (1G), Amelia Ramage (3G), Annika Mullens (3G)
COMMONSENSE	Jaxon Maloney (PN), Lennox Saunders (PN), Keturah Sondergard (PG), Cohen Dillon (1G), Lachlan Mooney (1G), Charlie Brengman-Harvey (3W), Emily Barclay (4N), Ava Saunders (4N)

JUNIOR SCHOOL CLASS AWARDS

PN	Kane English, Willow Behague, Zaine Prior, Finn Thew	3G	Tiana Pospisil, Lucas Antonieff, Maja Gabriel, Kyle Day
PW	Chelsea Hoger, Dane Perry, Stella Goble, Breanna Young	4N	Jay Coleman, Joshua Rodwell
PG	McKenzie Welch, Elayna Hood, Dylan Cooper, Patsy Renete	4W	Caitlin Uhlmann, Jordan Arriagada, Gabrielle Milner, Gibson Gardner
1N	Elijah Kaiser, Lemuel Van der Merwe, Marli Teunis, Lachlan Willis	4G	
1G	Bridgette Christensen, Boston Becker, Juliene Nery, Deklan Ketley	5N	Molly Mackenzie, Billy Hartley, Isobel Daffy, Oliver Thiganoff
2W	Bradley Knijff, Eli Hartshorn, Stella Drew, Eli Hartshorn	5W	Bradley Hooker, Milly Lennon, Mia Horn, Ariaiah Sandbek, Lucas Cordeiro
2G	Noah Quin, Keith Perry, Brooklyn McGregor, Alivia Imber, Harry Dodd	6W	Oliver Stevenson, Chene Swan, Jayden Bellamy, Jesse Endacott
3N	Summer Saunders, Daniel Bickell, Libbi Gardiner, Millie Pocock	6G	Jet Treasure, Luke Varpins, Natalie Tonks, Andrew Curby
3W	Aaliyah Miles, Max Rhodes, Roman Morant, Alex Donaldson		

FROM THE LIBRARY

RETURNING RESOURCES - Thank-you to all students and parents who have returned books in the last few days. A reminder that all resources are now due back. Emails have been set up to automatically run for the next few days for resources that remain outstanding. Please check the list for items that your child still has out on loan. Please email informationservices@fclr.qld.edu.au if you have any queries.

EBOOKS FOR SECONDARY STUDENTS - For Secondary students who would like to continue reading over the holidays, we now have a Secondary eBook lending platform with Wheeler's Books. Students have previously received information via email and daily notices about how they can access the eBooks. Please ask them to contact the library for further details if they would like to borrow eBooks.



SPORT NEWS

This has been an exciting year for sport at the College, and it has been wonderful to see the sporting culture grow and thrive. The move away from GBC next year will enable us to build upon this further as we immerse ourselves into a club-based model which will better serve our students and teams, and strengthen our community links. Students will have access to a range of sports which they can play on a level footing with similar age and ability teams thus providing greater opportunities for success and enjoyment. In addition, talented students will have more opportunities to access development pathways. The **Active@Faith 2020** program will undoubtedly bring some challenges as we adjust to the new sporting model, but I am extremely excited at the possibilities and opportunities it presents. Bring on 2020, and as always - **BEWARE THE FALCON!**



On Saturday, 16 November, Mr O'Carroll signed off from Saturday Sport! He began his JTAS journey 18 years ago and has done continuous Saturdays ever since (including 10 years at Faith).

This is pretty amazing and worth sharing and celebrating. We give thanks to you Mr O'Carroll for all you have done for our JTAS players and your commitment over the years. Next year we move into "Active @ Faith Sports Program", enjoy having Saturday mornings back!



MUSIC NEWS

2019 END OF YEAR

Instrumental Lessons and Ensembles will conclude from Friday, 29 November.

- Some lessons may still occur early next week that have been missed over the term.
- Please ensure that any hired school instruments are returned to the College at your final lesson.
- All ensemble music and school resources also need to be returned at your final lesson.
- Please ensure personal instruments, books and equipment are taken home on the day of your last lesson.

Should you wish to withdraw from the instrumental music program, written notice of withdrawal must be received by the Head of Extra Curricular Music P-12 Jacinta.Altmann@fcr.qld.edu.au.

NEW INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC ENROLMENTS 2020

The Instrumental Music Program at Faith is open to students from Year 2 - 12. Online Enrolment forms for 2020 will be available shortly. Students from Year 2 can begin lessons in piano, percussion, guitar or strings. Voice lessons start from Year 3 and Brass and Woodwind instruments from Year 4. For more information regarding enrolments into Instrumental Music please contact the Head of Extra Curricular Music P-12 Jacinta.Altmann@fcr.qld.edu.au

2020 BOOKLIST REQUIREMENTS ARE NOW AVAILABLE!!!

Go to: www.officemaxschools.com.au Access Code **2XW4U**. Please refer to an email sent home with ordering details. PDF copies of the Booklists will also be available on the College website. Any enquiries please contact the Junior or Secondary School Administration staff.

Finish First for Back to School.

Order your child's Back to School supplies through OfficeMax and Winc for a chance to **WIN back the cost of their requirements list!***

officemaxschools.com.au

*T&Cs apply. See website for details.



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CHRISTMAS CRAFT STALL

The Junior School Christmas Stall in on next week - Tuesday, 3 December!

All classes will come through with their teacher.

Gifts range from \$0.50 to \$8.00 per item.

Please consider who you would like your child to buy for (lists make it easier sometimes). If your child would like to purchase something please send money along in a **named envelope**.

If you are available to help out, please check the link following:

<https://volunteersignup.org/CJX7E>

