



Lebanon *The righteous flourish like palm trees, and grow like the cedars in Lebanon. Psalm 92: 12*



A mate of mine lives in Beirut. He and his wife and daughter are very close and long-time friends of ours. When my wife and I were young teachers we got a gig working in Noosa at the Lutheran College. The same year we started this guy turned up as well, a young teacher just a few years into his career.

Anyway, we became friends, our worlds slowly wove together, we were there at his wedding in the summer sunshine, we travelled around Europe together for a while as two couples, we celebrated and gave thanks as our children came along one by one. Our family has stayed in Australia, continuing to work and serve in Lutheran Schools, he and his have travelled all over the place working in exotic international destinations. Laos, Saudi Arabia, South Korea, China ... and Beirut.

Right now, he is home in Australia. He and his wife, an Aussie couple on a lifetime of adventure all around the world. They come home in the Northern Summer to the Sunny Coast and spend a month or so each year. They share exotic stories of far flung climes, life in Asia, life in the Middle East. The ease of life in Australia, the similarities and differences elsewhere.

Anyway, living in Beirut he keeps us in the loop with the life and times of the locals, he hoses off our prejudices, explains the subtleties of the factions in Lebanon such as Hezbollah, talks about amazing food and landscapes and of regional tensions with Israel and Syria as neighbours. It really is fascinating.

Last year he shared stories about the riots and demonstrations against the Government. A momentous, generally peaceful, revolution that saw a new government installed. It hardly made the news in Australia although it was certainly internationally significant given Lebanon's geo-political location. Of course, the new government failed to deal with the corruption and entrenched factions and political power players that really run the place, the economy got worse, coronavirus happened, the place was in serious decline.

And then boom! We have all seen it.

That remarkable moment that destroyed a city. That last straw for a failed government who have now stood down. That terrible tragedy for so many hundreds of thousands of people. At home on the Sunshine Coast my mate started getting phone calls in the middle of the night. He is the Principal of an International Secondary School over there, his friends have lost homes, his school is damaged, his community is turned upside down and the city he serves is in strife.

I was so blessed to spend time with him and his family once again this weekend just gone. To sit and share the sorrow and disbelief, the concerns and the hope of one for whom the destruction in Beirut is not just pictures on a TV, but very real.

Lebanon is mentioned 71 times in the Old Testament. The New Testament speaks variously about Jesus, the Disciples and the Apostles visiting Lebanon. It is an ancient and special place. The Bible speaks of its beauty, of the mighty cedars, of the perfume and the mountains. It was and remains a beautiful place.

For those of us involved in Christian communities the tragedies in Lebanon are worth noticing. It is a special place, it connects to the land that God promised to Abraham, it's beauty and antiquity are legendary and point us to Christ, the architect of it all. Our Good Shepherd himself often withdrew himself, with his mates, to its mountains and hills, to the high places for rest and refuge.

God bless the people of ancient Lebanon, of Beirut. Remember and pray for them. And may He continue to be our rest and refuge in these uncertain times.

*Shane Altmann
Principal*

SECONDARY SCHOOL

Connections and relationships are such an important part of what we do at Faith. When I tour new families I regularly talk about how students from different year levels connect at multiple levels. For instance, card games in the Lighthouse or Basketball games in the Hayshed. It is something really unique and not something you see in every school. This is an intentional result of several programs we run at the College. This week alone I have seen students in Year 10 sharing their Mt Binga experience with Year 9 students, Year 11 students mentoring our Year 7 students, the Shine program and Blokes Stuff program where Year 11/12 students work with our younger students. Faith is a really special place and the high value placed on relationships and connections is an absolute cornerstone of what we do.

In your relationships
with one another,
have the same
mindset as
Christ Jesus.

Philippians 2:5'



CELEBRATING SUCCESS - YEAR 12 STUDENT ACHIEVES HIGH DISTINCTION

AT QUT - Along with ATAR subjects, applied subjects and vocational subjects, students at Faith also have an option to study University subjects. Through this program Year 12 student Calissa recently completed a University level course at QUT called Media Issues and Debates. Calissa would attend university in Brisbane once a week to attend courses. Through her diligence and hard work she achieved the highest possible mark of a High Distinction for this semester. Congratulations Calissa on this amazing achievement. That is an awesome effort.



CELEBRATING SUCCESS – TEACHERS PRESENT AT STATE CONFERENCE

- At Faith we are continually developing what learning looks like as we create a contemporary model of education that will provide our students with the skills necessary for success in the future. What is being created here is being recognised externally. This culminated in an invitation for three of our teachers to present at the Independent Schools Queensland Big Ideas Conference. Congratulations to Mrs Coreta Lennon, Mrs Kristi-Leigh Patterson and Mr David Moore on being selected to showcase the amazing stuff that is happening at Faith.



SECONDARY SCHOOL PHOTOS ON TUESDAY, 18 AUGUST - On Tuesday we will be having our Secondary School photos. All students must either come in their formal uniform, including their blazer, or if they have sport they must bring their formal uniform with them and be ready to change into it. The timetable for the day can be found below. Those students involved in sports teams need to wear their competition shirts.

TIME	GROUP NAME	TIME	GROUP NAME	TIME	GROUP NAME
7:30-8:15	Sibling Photos	10:20am	<i>Morning Tea Break</i>	12:20pm	Student Leaders
8:40am	Year 12A, 12B & 12C	10:50am	Year 8B	12:30pm	Voices of Faith
8:55am	Year 12A	11:00am	Year 8C	12:40pm	Cantable Strings & String Quartet
9:05am	Year 12B	11:10am	Year 9A	12:50pm	Guitar Ensemble
9:15am	Year 12C	11:20am	Year 9B	1:00pm	Percussion & Rock Ensembles
9:25am	Year 12 Jersey Photos	11:30am	Year 10A	1:10pm	<i>Lunch Break</i>
9:40am	College & Vice Captains	11:40am	Year 10B	1:50pm	U14 Boys Touch Football
9:50am	Year 7A	11:50am	Year 11A	2:00pm	13-14 Girls Netball
10:00am	Year 7B	12:00pm	Year 11B	2:10pm	15+ Girls Netball
10:10am	Year 8A	12:10pm	House Captains	2:20pm	FLCR Swim Team
				2:30pm	Swimming Age Champions

2020 EARLY SCHOOL LEAVERS SURVEY

The Queensland Government is seeking the support of the school community for the annual survey of Year 10, 11 and 12 students who left school in 2019, before completing Year 12. This short, confidential survey collects information about what young people are doing the year after leaving school. The results of the survey help provide valuable information to improve services available to school leavers in the future.

Between August and September, these school leavers can expect to receive instructions to complete a web-based survey or a telephone call from the Queensland Government Statistician's Office. Please encourage them to take part. If their contact details have changed, please assist the interviewer with their updated details or forward the survey to their new address so they can participate.

Thank you for your support of Next Step post-school destination surveys in 2020.

For more information, visit www.qld.gov.au/nextstep/ or telephone toll free on 1800 068 587.

JUNIOR SCHOOL

WEDNESDAY, 19 AUGUST IS OUR ANNUAL JUNIOR SCHOOL CLASS PHOTO DAY IN THE SPAH. All students are to wear their formal uniform on this day. Hair should be neat and tidy and tied back if necessary, shoes should be polished.

Sibling Photos – The photographers have introduced a tear off 'Yellow' slip on the envelopes for students to return **ONLY** if they are having sibling photos taken. The yellow slip has Sibling Online code. Please note that sibling photos will be held at the Junior School Campus SPAH on Wednesday, 19 August from 7:30am - 8:30am and at the Secondary School Campus AUDITORIUM on Tuesday, 18 August from 7.30am – 8.30am.

TIME	GROUP NAME	TIME	GROUP NAME
7:30-8:30	<i>Sibling Photos</i>	11:05am	2W
8:50am	Prep N	11:15am	2G
9:05am	Prep W	11:25am	3W
9:20am	3N	11:35am	1N
9:30am	1W	11:45am	4N
9:40am	1G	11:55am	4W
9:50am	5N	12:05pm	6W
10:00am	5G	12:15pm	6G
10:20am - 11:00am	<i>Morning Tea</i>	12:25pm	Year 6 Cohort



WOW WE ARE ALREADY HALF WAY THROUGH TERM 3...what a fabulous few weeks. By now you are settled back into the swing of daily routines and activities, and life is busy. I am continually impressed by the children each day and seeing them display our Faith 5C's in so many ways, both inside and outside the classroom. Whilst the weather is cold and we are enjoying some rainy weekends, what a wonderful opportunity to remind ourselves why developing a love of books, and not just reading, is so important to our child's development. Here a few tips to encourage your kids to read as a daily habit:



1. Read to Me! – whether snuggled on the couch together or listening to an audio story in the car, reading together is a powerful motivational tool. Don't forget, your child is never too old to read aloud to you!
2. Beyond Books – reading comic books, magazines, recipes, board game instructions are all ways to get a reluctant reader to practice reading aloud to you in a way that is fun.
3. Don't stop when you put the book down – reading doesn't have to end when time is up. Have discussions with your child about what they read once reading time is over, ask them for their favourite parts or what they think comes next in the story.
4. Set an example – one of the most powerful ways to get your child to read is for them to see YOU read. When our kids see us reading and loving literature, this will model and foster their love for books also.

Jodi Blackwell
Head of Junior School

AWARDS

JUNIOR SCHOOL 5C AWARDS

CARE	Giuliana Totojesko (1G), Oliver Beattie (2W), Juliene Nery (2W), Riley Shreeve (3N), Ava Pocock (6G), Zoe Gardiner (6W)
COURAGE	Ezekiel Lievano (PW), Eli Coleman (1N), Mardi Steele (2G), Jay Coleman (5N), Fynn Hartshorn (5N), Rachael Hirst (6G), Charli Boyce (6G), Mia Horn (6G), Ava Coleman (6G), Mia Teunis (6G)
COMMITMENT	Samara del Manso (PN), Savannah McMillan (1G), Olivia Kovacevic (3N), Ella Broderick (4W), Jayden Adamson (6G), Lucas Bird (6G), Chris Munro (6W)
COURTESY	Ella Wyllie-Smith (PW), Joshua Wyllie-Smith (3N)
COMMONSENSE	Ashton Reay-Mackey (PN), Mitchell Hill (2G), Aaron Forshaw (2W), Samuel Weber (2W), Lemuel van der Merwe (2W), Audrey Dodd (4N), Maya Kaiser (4N), Chloe O'Donnell (4N)

JUNIOR SCHOOL CLASS AWARDS

PN	Jack Needham, Izabella Bocallini	3N	Lara Hammond, Jamie Slattery
PW	Emerson Patel, Addie Horn	3W	Ada Shearn, Kyson Bourke
1N	Zaine Prior, Jack W. Smith	4N	Charlie Hutchings, Daniel Bickell
1W	Lillian Greenstock, Spencer Knight	4W	Sienna Maloney, Levi McGinn
1G	Oscar McClelland, Lucas McClelland	5N	Isla Blacket, Joshua Rodwell, Fynn Hartshorn
2W	Everleigh McVinish, Michael Campbell	5G	Archer Richards, Satvik Talla, Byron Maher
2G	Hope Forshaw, Kylie van Heerden	6W	Lucas Cordeiro, Milly Lennon
		6G	Ariah Sandbek, Eve Van Loggerenberg



FROM THE LIBRARY

CURRENTLY, OUR LIBRARIES ARE OPEN TO STUDENTS DURING THE FOLLOWING HOURS:

Junior School

- Monday – Friday 8:30am - 3:00pm

Secondary School (Lighthouse)

- Monday 8:00am - 4:00pm
- Tuesday 8:00am - 3:30pm
- Wednesday 8:00am - 4:00pm
- Thursday 8:00am - 4:00pm
- Friday 8:00am - 3:30pm



Secondary students are welcome to come in and work on assignments / homework before and after school. In the afternoons, we ask that they check in with library staff on arrival and before departing.

WHEELERS EBOOKS FOR YEAR 1 TO 12 - Don't forget that students have the option to borrow eBooks. New titles are added each month. Browse the eBook libraries at <https://faithlutheranprimary.wheelers.co/> or <https://faithlutheransecondary.wheelers.co/>. Students can use their school email address and passwords to log in.

PREMIER'S READING CHALLENGE - It's fantastic to see many P - Year 9 students returning their Premier's Reading Challenge forms – keep them coming! Students have until August 28 to return their completed reading record sheet.



SPORTS NEWS

Sport is an integral part of life in the Secondary College for many of our students and it is wonderful to see so many of them participating in Touch, Volleyball, Netball, Tennis and more!

Congratulations to our Faith Falcon's Futsal team heading to the SEQ Futsal Titles Finals on Friday, 21 August in Oxley. We wish you a great day of Futsal competition!

Last week, 5 of our Year 12 boys - Jack S, Jackson C, Jackson T-J, Alex M and Billy M - competed at the QSSTT tennis championships at the Griffith University Tennis Centre.

Last weekend saw 2 rounds of netball being played at Pinklands as a result of an earlier fixture being postponed due to rain. Saturday saw the Secondary teams winning all of their games, but unfortunately fatigue must have set in as they were unable to replicate that success on the Sunday - better luck next time!

Touch was cancelled last Friday due to wet playing fields but we are looking forward to a great round this coming Friday.

The U16 Basketball team played on Friday evening and once again scored a win. This has now placed them at the top of the ladder even though most of the team are much younger than 16. Well done boys and keep up the good work!

Four of our volleyball teams played in the RVA's social competition on Monday, with Falcons Perera having a BYE. Even though it was a public holiday in the Redlands, all players turned up to play - that's true commitment and something that contributes to the Faith Falcons spirit!



BEWARE THE FALCON!

SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL

The Victoria Point Shopping Centre Earn, Learn and Win competition is in full swing but we still need your help. The Faith balance was at \$52 on Sunday! So, Please visit the Centre between 3 – 30 August and make an eligible purchase for your chance to win either a dollar amount towards our school or an instant prize. There is \$10,000 in cash up for grabs for the school and over \$30,000 in instant prizes to be won so there's never been a better time to head to Victoria Point Shopping Centre and help support Faith and our local community.

Pop on in and check out the storyboard featuring some of our beautiful kids.

Please feel free to contact the P&FA via email at: admin@fcr.qld.edu.au or contact reception at either campus and we will get in touch.

May your families stay safe during this challenging time.

Alex Duff-Hooper
P&FA President





Faith OSHC

Upcoming Program

Week Commencing: Monday 10th August				
Before School Care				
0	Pom Poms	Paper plate weaving	Paper beads	Pizza
After School Care				
Each afternoon the children are provided a first snack of platter of Fruit and Vegetables				
0	SPAH Games/Cooking	Pom Poms	Gymnastics - cart wheels	Jewellery
Week Commencing Monday 17th August				
Before School Care				
Chalk Art	Notans hands	Yarn Monsters	Inspirational rocks	Quote colouring
After School Care				
Each afternoon the children are provided a first snack of platter of Fruit and Vegetables				
Paper plate weaving	SPAH Games/Cooking	Totem tennis	Gymnastics - Cart wheels	Rock Painting

What's been happening



The children have been having fun with wool. They have been learning how to use recycled materials to make a weaving frame. Another activity which continues to be popular is using their hands and fingers as tools to create fun snakes. We are continuing to explore wool with weaving and yarn monsters.

A BIG THANK YOU to EVERYONE for being so welcoming. The families, children and staff have all been so wonderful. I am truly blessed to be working here.

Warm Thanks

Kat

Comments, Complaints, Questions or Concerns

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

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

We use Xplor for existing booking changes.

TRIVIA NIGHT



When: Sat, 22 August 2020
Time: 6.45pm for a 7pm start
Where: online!
Cost: FREE!



[Register here: https://oursaviourtrivianight.gofundraise.com.au/](https://oursaviourtrivianight.gofundraise.com.au/)

We're a church in Rochedale, Brisbane. Every year we organise a fundraiser to help people through ALWS - and have a bit of fun too of course!

This year because of COVID-19, we've taken our event online. This means you can join us from anywhere in Australia - or the world! We'd love to have you.

We're raising money to help build a Drip Irrigation Greenhouse for the Turkana people in Kenya. The greenhouse will help the host community grow food for their families, so people stay strong and healthy.

The total cost of the Greenhouse is **\$5,821**. It will be a screen nethouse measuring 8mx30mx2.5m made of galvanized steel with trellises, and will be fully equipped with a drip irrigation system.

Invite your smartest friends over for a night of fun and facts. There will be prizes, a best-dressed award, fun, and the low-effort opportunity to show the love of Christ in a tangible way.

Registration is free, but we'd love you to make a donation to Australian Lutheran World Service on the night. You can register your team or make a donation at

<https://oursaviourtrivianight.gofundraise.com.au/>