



# LANTERN

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## PREP4PREP DAY 1: KINDY PICNIC

We had a great morning hanging out with Kindy kids in our community!

## A 'VERTICAL' LEAP

A group of our high school students took home 3rd place in this year's Rockhampton All Schools Battle of the Bands!

## GO, GO JONAH!

Take a look back at the amazing Year 4-6 Musical Production from earlier this year.

## JUST THE BEGINNING

It has been a breakthrough year of sport for our school - and we're only getting started.

**...AND MUCH MORE!**

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

by PRINCIPAL BLAIR HARP

Dear LCS Family,

I would like to acknowledge and **welcome those families who have joined our community during terms three and four.** We count it a privilege to be entrusted with partnering with you in the education of your child.

One of the many highlights I enjoy in my role as Principal, is being afforded the opportunity to meet with new families during the enrolment process. Since July, thus far we introduced **twenty-four new families to our school** who have either enrolled this semester or will join us from the start of 2017.

During these initial meetings, I consistently hear the desire of parents to find a schooling environment that is small enough to be **personal**, which is committed to a **Biblical world-view and Christian values**, where programs are delivered by **sincere and caring staff**, where opportunities exist

in **sport and the Arts**, and where **academic standards and quality teaching** are core priorities. How wonderful it is that we at Lighthouse are able to provide families such a school!

By now you would have received the schedule of fees for 2017. The School Board strives to keep our school fees at an affordable rate for private schooling and will continue to do so. In 2017, along with the existing 'fourth child free' arrangement, we have introduced substantial discounts for the second and third child. These actions make us, to the best of our knowledge, **the most affordable independent school in the Rockhampton area.**

We trust you enjoy reading this latest edition of the Lantern which informs and celebrates the great and exciting happenings in recent months at LCS! We thank God for His hand upon us in our journey.

Looking forward to seeing you at one of our many end of year events and activities.

*Blair*

## WHAT'S ON

**Thu 27 Oct & 10 Nov**  
Prep 4 Prep

**From Mon 14 Nov**  
Student Led Conferences

**Mon 21 Nov**  
High School Orientation

**Thu 24 Nov**  
P-3 Christmas Play

**Mon 28 Nov**  
Year 6 Formal

**Thu 1 Dec**  
Awards Night

**Mon 23 Jan 2017**  
School Resumes

# CLASS OF 2016



Ellysha  
**ARMSTRONG**



Skye  
**CRANE**



Erin  
**HAFNER**



Brooke  
**MACKENZIE**



Magdalene  
**BUNDRICK**



Hannah  
**BUCHHOLZ**



Danielle  
**GLOVER**



Maddison  
**ARNOLD**



Sarah  
**QUINN**



Kaio  
**FIRME**



Ewald  
**STEYN**



Mitchell  
**COOMBE**



Keegan  
**THOMAS**



Nickolas  
**COMOLLATTIE**



Rhys  
**YASSO**



Japheth  
**WEST**



Benjamin  
**EVANS**



Morgan  
**TAYLOR**

*More Formal photos to come in the Yearbook!*



# PREP4PREP DAY 1: The Kindy Picnic

by BLAIR HARP  
Principal

Our 2017 Prep4Prep Series commenced last month with one of the best Early Years celebrations seen in our city in recent years. The morning was attended by students from our local LBC playgroup, LCS Early Years classes, and a smattering of children from seven kindergartens and child care centres within the Norman Gardens catchment.

The three hour extravaganza included face painting, food, petting zoo, jumping castle, reading corner, crafts, super heroes, games, puzzles

and a live children's action show.

The LCS Prep4Prep '17 Induction Program has continued with two morning classroom sessions and will conclude with the Infant Christmas Musical, Star of Wonder matinee on Thursday 24th November.

**There are still some vacancies available in both our 2017 Prep class and the Lighthouse Baptist Church's 2 day per week Playgroup Program. Please phone our office on 4926 4895 or email us for further details. ■**







# A VERTICAL LEAP

by JEANNE HARP  
Primary Arts Specialist Teacher

**T**his year Lighthouse Christian School entered new ground participating for the first time in the CQ All Schools Battle Of the Bands competition at the Pilbeam Theatre on Friday 2nd September. Lighthouse were the first of 14 bands from across seven schools to

perform and placed a commendable third.

Each band was required to play for 10 mins or 3 songs and competed for Prizes donated by Green Brothers and SeaFM.

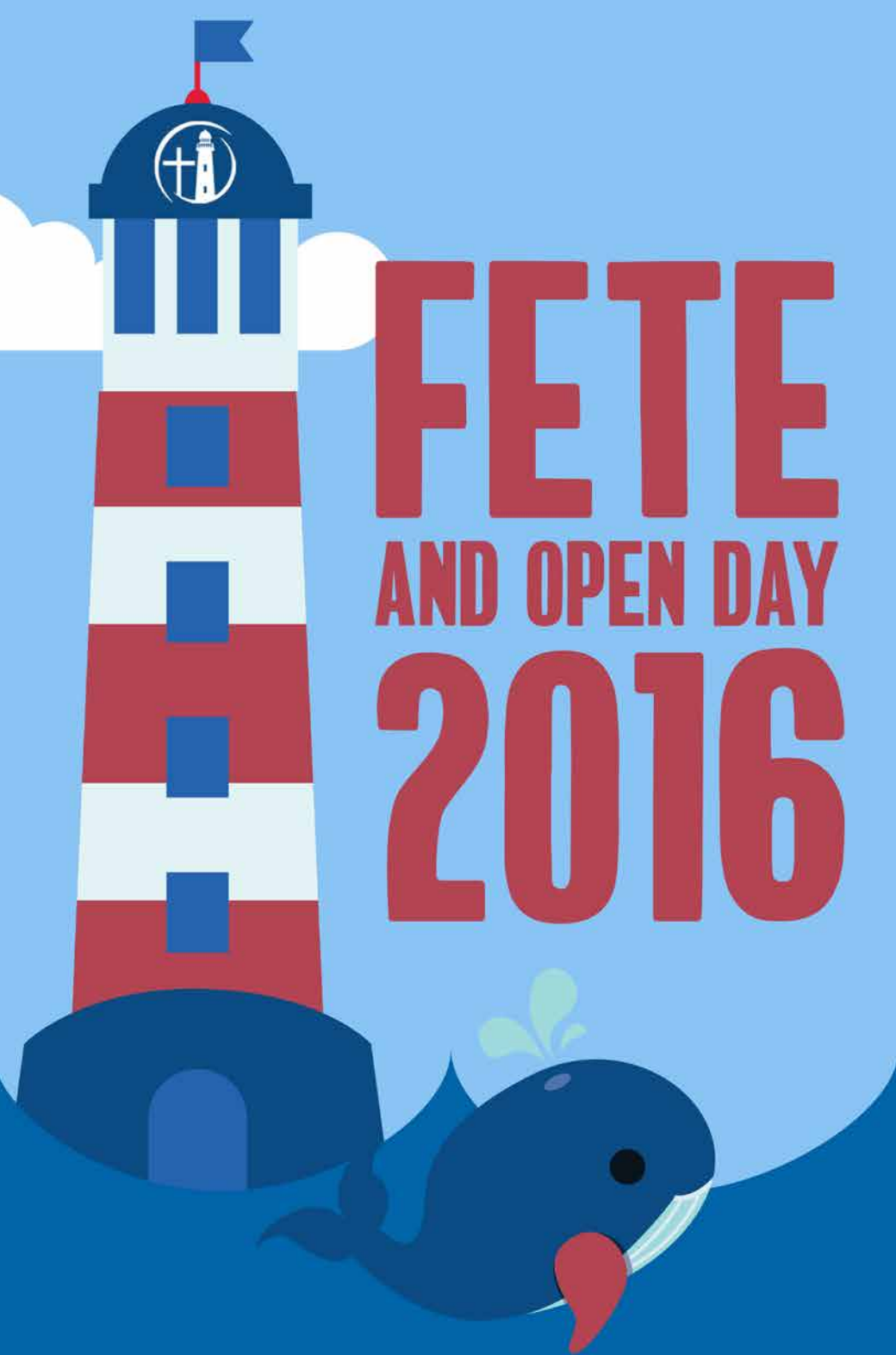
The Lighthouse band who called themselves 'Vertical' is the first Lighthouse band to enter this competition. The band chose to have a different lead singer for all three songs. Jesse Harp (Year 9) was on drums and was lead vocalist for a cover of Coldplay's 'Everglow'. Sarah Quinn (Year 12) was lead vocalist for the Clean Bandit song 'Rather Be'. Gracie Bobadilla (Year 11) was on keys and led a moving rendition of Bethel Music's 'We Dance'. Other band members were Alicia Smyth (Year 10) on bass guitar, Emilee-Joy Buchholz (Year 10) and Lydia West (Year 10) on backing vocals, Jonah Harp (Year 11) on electric and acoustic guitar, and Hannah Buchholz (Year 12) who played violin and supplied backing vocals.

This was a fantastic opportunity for our students to showcase their musicality, build confidence, deepen friendships, and broaden school and community spirit. The band represented Lighthouse Christian School with excellence of conduct, dress, song choices and quality of performance.

The band was supported by Aarron "AJ" Symonds, Lynn Byun, and Jeanne Harp. AJ is now offering lessons for drums, guitar and bass and students interested in learning these instruments can contact the school for details. ■



*Aarron "AJ" Symonds mentored the band and is offering instrumental music lessons to Lighthouse students*



# FETE AND OPEN DAY 2016

The Annual LCS Fete and Open Day is one of the most important community events on our school calendar. This year's was again full of highlights including food, rides, zoos, stalls and a silent auction which raised in excess of \$1000.

The Twilight Fashion Show was again a feature showcasing our wonderful formal and sports uniform and promoting various fashion houses from across our city. Items were modelled by school students and

members of the Lighthouse Baptist Church young adults group, Elevate.

The evening concluded with a performance from our very own Vertical, who one week later finished third in the Rockhampton Battle of the Bands competition at the Pilbeam Theatre.

School tours were popular and ran for the duration of the Fete. Some of these families have now enrolled for 2017! ■









A talented cast of actors and an incredible choir took the stage in a very entertaining musical.

by JEANNE HARP  
Primary Arts Specialist Teacher







*Lorena Scofield was in charge of makeup*



*Annie Harp choreographed each scene*



*Zara May assisted with hair styling and photography on the night*



This year the Upper Primary Musical was held as part of the Fine Arts Showcase and also for the first time was presented as both a matinee and evening performance for the first time.

Year 4, 5, and 6 students rehearsed and refined their lines and actions in order to present a musical of the highest quality on the story of the prophet Jonah. Through the experiences of Jonah, the children reminded us of the importance of obeying God and the consequences of failing to do so, and that God is always there and that we are to love one another as He loves us. Our story of *Go, Go Jonah!* opened in the Bible Museum. The students learnt in a meaningful and memorable way about the prophet Jonah and went



on the journey with him, on the boat to Tarshish, into the fish's belly and ultimately to the historical city of Ninevah. Students explored a range of dramatic and artistic experiences including speaking, singing, acting, costumes and props as well as elements of set lighting, recording and set design.



The musical, co-ordinated by Helena Costelloe (Y5/6 Class Teacher), Brigitte Milschus (Y4 Class Teacher), Jeanne Harp (Primary Arts Specialist Teacher), Lesley Henry (Script Writer and Choral Co-ordinator) and performed by the year 4, 5 and 6 students was an outstanding success as was its inclusion as part of the Fine Arts Showcase. This is another exciting event to pencil into your 2017 diary. ■



*More photos on next page...*







# TALENT ON DISPLAY

Our students' artistic prowess was put on display at this year's Fine Arts Showcase.

by JEANNE HARP  
Primary Arts Specialist Teacher







We were very pleased and proud to present a Lighthouse Fine Arts Showcase on Wednesday 22 June.

This year's Fine Arts moved from the competitive format of previous years, to an opportunity to showcase to our school community a sample of the artistic opportunities on offer here at Lighthouse.

The evening began with a Visual Arts Display which included over 400 pieces of art work from students from Prep through to Year 12. The art was displayed at the undercover area amidst the ambience of worship music and fairy lights.

The evening included a choral performance from the Lighthouse Secondary Choir performing a selection of featured songs, which

preceded the *Go, Go Jonah!* musical in the church auditorium, presented by Year 4, 5, and 6 students.

Following the very polished musical presentation, family and friends were able to continue viewing the extensive visual arts display whilst enjoying the nibbles, music and fairylights.

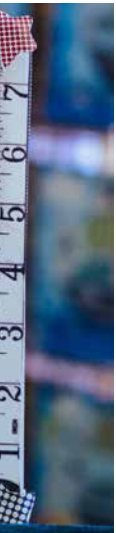
The Fine Arts Showcase Co-ordinating Team this year consisted of Helena Costelloe (Y5/6 Class Teacher), Brigitte Milschus (Y4 Class Teacher), Jeanne Harp (Primary Arts Specialist Teacher), Lesley Henry (Secondary Teacher and Choral Co-ordinator) and John Buchholz (Senior Arts Teacher).

It was a spectacular night and definitely a night to mark in your diary for 2017. ■

*Photos on next page...*

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# CONFIDENT AND COMPETENT

by LESLEY HENRY  
Year 10 Form Teacher & Hospitality Coordinator

**OFTEN**

times in life there are obstacles that seem insurmountable and hurdles that have to be jumped. This is a life principle and will continue to be relevant until our dying day. At Lighthouse Christian School, we not only educate our students but we support them in their growth as young people learning life skills that they'll carry with them well beyond school.

Throughout this year our Year 11/12 Hospitality students have worked consistently and tirelessly to achieve their Certificate II in Kitchen Operations. They have sensed the weight of responsibility as they have worked long hours at TAFE and all the many hours of online modules that have been required in their training. In contrast they have also known the joy and satisfaction that results from a task accomplished and an obligation fulfilled.

Congratulations to every student who achieved their Cert II in Kitchen Operations in 2016. This accomplishment will prove to be most beneficial as you begin to advance your careers and will place you head and shoulders above other employment applicants in the Hospitality field. Just another way that we at Lighthouse strive to ensure that students are prepared and ready to be confident, contributing, competent members of society. ■



# Q & A

with **ANDREW SORENSEN**

In this issue of the Lantern, we're having a chat with a familiar face on campus, Andrew Sorensen. Andrew graduated from Lighthouse Christian School in 2012 and now works closely with Mr Mark Henry as part of our Campus Care team and also assists Mr Chris Gorle in the IT Department.

## WHERE ARE YOU FROM ORIGINALLY?

I was born in Rockhampton, but my mum's family is from Croatia and my dad's family originates from Denmark.

## WHAT DO YOU DO HERE AT LCS?

I am the Assistant Campus Caretaker. Part of my duties are to help maintain the campus gardens and facilities. Part of this could encompass sweeping, gardening, mopping etc.

## WHAT IS YOUR NORMAL MORNING ROUTINE BEFORE WORK?

Well aside from waking up - I tend to read my Bible, currently going through the book of Job and

also Ecclesiastes at someone's suggestion. After that I normally get ready for work.

## WHAT DO YOU LOOK FORWARD TO MOST IN A DAY?

Really just serving God and making a difference in someone's life here.

## WHAT'S THE HARDEST PART ABOUT WHAT YOU DO?

The heat... and especially when it's summer and it's 40 degrees!

## WHEN AND HOW DID YOU BECOME A CHRISTIAN?

In late 2009 around November, there was a bushfire on one of the mountains just behind the school. Some of my classmates were talking

about Hell and how they don't have to worry about that and I started thinking 'I don't want to go there!'

## TELL US ABOUT ONE MOMENT THAT STANDS OUT AS GOD WORKING IN YOUR LIFE.

I guess really it's just God giving me a second chance with my studies after I didn't take my diploma too seriously and I pulled back to lower level studies - now I'm actually just about to finish it off.

## WHAT IS ONE PIECE OF ADVICE YOU WOULD LIKE TO PASS ON TO OUR STUDENTS?

It was actually a Bible verse given to me by Stan Werner last year during church one day - Proverbs 3:5-6. "Trust in the Lord with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths." That and just look after yourself - you'll be thankful later on. ■

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*Andrew working with Mr Chris Gorle in IT*

# COMMITTED TO INTENTIONAL EXCELLENCE IN CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

## Lighthouse Christian School's Improvement Agenda for 2016:

LCS School Staff to be *intentionally excellent* in:

- Establishing a **Culture that Promotes Learning**
- **Data** Informed Decision Making
- Effective Pedagogical Practice (**Explicit Instruction**)
- Effective Pedagogical Practice (**Feedback**)
- **Differentiated** Teaching and Learning

Throughout 2016, LCS staff have been working passionately to enhance the individual and collective capabilities of all teachers and teacher aides through engaging with Professional Development in the above Explicit Improvement Agenda.

This past semester, school leadership and staff have progressed these areas through our work at school and via our ever expanding productive partnerships with Independent Schools Queensland, Christian Schools Australia, and numerous high performing schools in Central Queensland, South East Queensland, and Northern New South Wales.

In November, we will be working with Mr Mark Newham, Director of Education Services (ISQ), and Mr Andrew Johnson, Queensland Executive Officer (Christian Schools Australia).

During the forthcoming January Student Free Days, our school will be again working with Sam Woods from Write2Read2Spell and Jillian McPherson from Edstrategic, as we complete the implementation of our Phonics Program across the whole of Primary and our Whole School Effective Classroom Behaviour Management Systems. ■







# NAPLAN SNAPSHOT

Lighthouse Christian School has recently celebrated some very pleasing results in the 2016 National Assessment Program Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN). Highlights included:

- All students in Y3, Y5, Y7 and Y9 have **attained results above the National Benchmark in Numeracy** (there are only two schools in Rockhampton to have achieved this – Rockhampton Girls Grammar and Lighthouse Christian School);
- Y9 students **ranked higher in Reading and Spelling** than the Y9 students of the four large high schools in the North Rockhampton geographical area and ranked second of these in Writing, Grammar/Punctuation and Numeracy;
- Gains from Y7 to Y9 by Lighthouse students in the four areas of Literacy **exceeded national gains** in Literacy (based on Y7 to Y9 2013 – 2015 gains);
- Gains in Writing by Lighthouse students between Y7 and Y9 is **more than double the national gain** (based on Y7 to Y9 2013 – 2015 gains);
- Gains made from Y3 to Y5 by Lighthouse students exceeded the national gains in all five areas (Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar/Punctuation and Numeracy);
- Y3 results in Reading and Numeracy improved from 2015 result;
- Y5 results in Writing and Numeracy improved from 2015 result;
- Y7 results in Reading and Numeracy improved from 2015 result;
- Y9 results in Reading, Writing, Spelling, Grammar/Punctuation and Numeracy improved from 2015 result;
- Forty-four percent of students in Y3, Y5, Y7 and Y9 attained in the Upper Two Bands of testing in one or more of the five areas.

[Sources: MySchool Website, QCAA NAPLAN 2016 Outcomes, August 2016] ■

# JUST THE BEGINNING

by RUSSELL GORGE  
Year 9 Form Teacher & PE Coordinator

I would describe 2016 as having been a developing, growing and fruitful year on the sports front. This has been our first year involved in the Primary Friday Sport Program. We have entered more participants in the Rockhampton District Cross Country and Athletics carnivals. Our Secondary students have played several sports for the first time in the Rockhampton District Sports Program. Finally, we have had several students represent the school at both District and Regional levels.

## PRIMARY

Our Primary students started off the year having 2 teams in the Primary Soccer Program. The boys' team went undefeated and the girls' team lost only 2 games. Following next was the boys' hockey and girls' netball. The boys lost 1 out of 16 games and the girls' had a tough time but

pleasingly make improvements for the final four games. Currently we have 3 basketball teams who are all playing well and laying down the foundations for next year. Overall, the enthusiasm, sportsmanship and willingness to learn has been so pleasing to witness. Great going Primary students!

## SECONDARY

On the Secondary front the senior girls' basketball went from almost not being entered through lack of numbers to having a storming season and only missing out by 2 points in their last game for a grand final spot. We had a junior and senior netball team, again the juniors just missing out on a grand final place. The junior and senior boys' futsal teams won more games than they lost, and the basketball teams performed well. It was a valuable experience for all involved, just demonstrating what

can be achieved with enthusiasm, self belief, and of course a little bit of skill. How good did it feel coming away from the larger schools having just given them a real shock in what the "little" and "new" school in the competition could do.

## INDIVIDUAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Congratulations for individuals in their respective sports who achieved the following: Kobe Weder - Year 10 District and State for U15 Squash, Theophilus Egwurube - Year 11 District and State for Athletics and Alicia Smyth - Year 10 District and State for U15 Basketball.

Staff, parents and friends of our school, who all helped in the running of the teams, without you this would not have happened. Thank you - you are all greatly appreciated. ■

*Year 11 student Theophilus Egwurube took 1st place overall in  
Rockhampton District Open Boys' Shot Put*



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### UPCOMING EVENTS AT THE LIGHTHOUSE

**Lighthouse Youth  
End of Year Activity**  
Wed 23 Nov 2016

**Carols Night**  
Sun 11 Dec 2016

**Sparkle Night (Women's  
Event)**  
Sat 17 Dec 2016

**Christmas Day Service**  
Sun 25 Dec 2016

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