



# LANTERN

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## CLASS SPOTLIGHT: YEAR 5/6

Have a look at some of the exciting things our Year 5/6 class have launched into this year!

## DEVELOPING A CULTURE OF WORSHIP

Every week, we set aside time to worship our God together as a school community.

## PUNCHING ABOVE OUR WEIGHT

Take a look at some amazing results by our talented and committed sports teams!

## DREAM BIG PROJECT

Five of our blooming Secondary girls took up the incredible opportunity to participate in the CQU Dream Big Project!

**...AND MUCH MORE!**

# FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

by PRINCIPAL BLAIR HARP

Dear LCS Family,

In January, we welcomed more than one hundred and eighty five new and returning students from Prep to Year 12, our highest January enrolment. **Fifty-one students have joined Lighthouse for the very first time!** Our team at LCS are grateful to God for this opportunity to serve families in pursuit of the Lighthouse Christian School Mission, that is:

*To educate and train up a child in the principles of godly living in an atmosphere that glorifies our Lord Jesus Christ, utilising a quality curriculum, teaching the National / Queensland syllabus and integrating Christian principles and a biblical world view.*

You may be aware that in December, our **School Dux**, Hannah Buchholz, attained the second highest OP result for any student who has graduated from LCS in recent years. This result is just reward for Hannah's diligence

during her schooling journey and the expertise of our Senior School staff. This month, she commenced a Bachelor of Nursing degree at CQU.

In January, **Miss Kiara Yasso-McLeod was appointed to the position of full time Teaching Assistant (Prep)** for the 2017 Academic year. Kiara graduated from LCS in 2015. In 2016, she worked with us in a volunteer capacity and commenced a Teacher Aide qualification through TAFE. In addition, she has been active for many years in Children's Ministry and Missions work in her church fellowship.

Last year, our school improvement agenda saw LCS staff focus on developing **excellence in Effective Pedagogical (Teaching) Practice, specifically Explicit Instruction and Feedback**. Our school systems for teacher coaching and development have seen these **evidence based strategies embedded in classrooms** from Prep to Year 12.

In 2017, our school improvement priorities are for LCS Staff to:

- Embed the Essential Skills for Classroom Management;
- Implement a revised Whole School Assessment and Benchmarking Schedule.

Our progress toward these outcomes is already well underway. Our Student Free Days (January / April), our weekly staff meetings and our **Coaching and Mentoring Programs** ensure we, as a team, are continuing to develop our teaching capabilities in order to provide an educational experience for our students that is best practice.

Following the successful pilot of the **evidenced based Phonics Program**, Write2Read2Spell, in our Early Years Classrooms, we have now expanded this to be part of the daily routines in all primary classes (P-6).

Also this year, the model for our **Senior Secondary** Department has

transitioned with LCS having adopted **examples of best practice from some of the highest performing schools** in Queensland and indeed Australia. We are very pleased with progress made thus far and all of our students from years ten, eleven and twelve are engaging positively with these reforms.

Our Senior (Y10-12) cohort are applying themselves with great diligence to their selected subject areas and in **preparation for Core Skills Testing** which will occur (for our year 12s) later in the year.

We trust you enjoy reading this edition of the Lantern which informs and celebrates the highlights of Term One at LCS! We thank God for His hand upon us in our journey.

Looking forward to seeing you in and around our school throughout the year.

Blair ■

# WHAT'S ON

**Tue 18 Apr**

Term 2 Resumes

**Mon 24 Apr and Tue 25 Apr**

ANZAC Day Chapel & March

**Tue 25 Apr to Fri 28 Apr**

Senior Camp - Emu Gully

**Tue 9 May to Thur 11 May**

NAPLAN

**Thur 18 May**

Interhouse Sports Day

**Mon 22 May to Fri 26 May**

Week of Hope

**Fri 26 May**

Romp in the Park

**Thur 22 June**

Fine Arts Showcase + Year 4-6 Play

# PROFESSIONAL LEARNING FOR TEACHERS

by PRINCIPAL BLAIR HARP

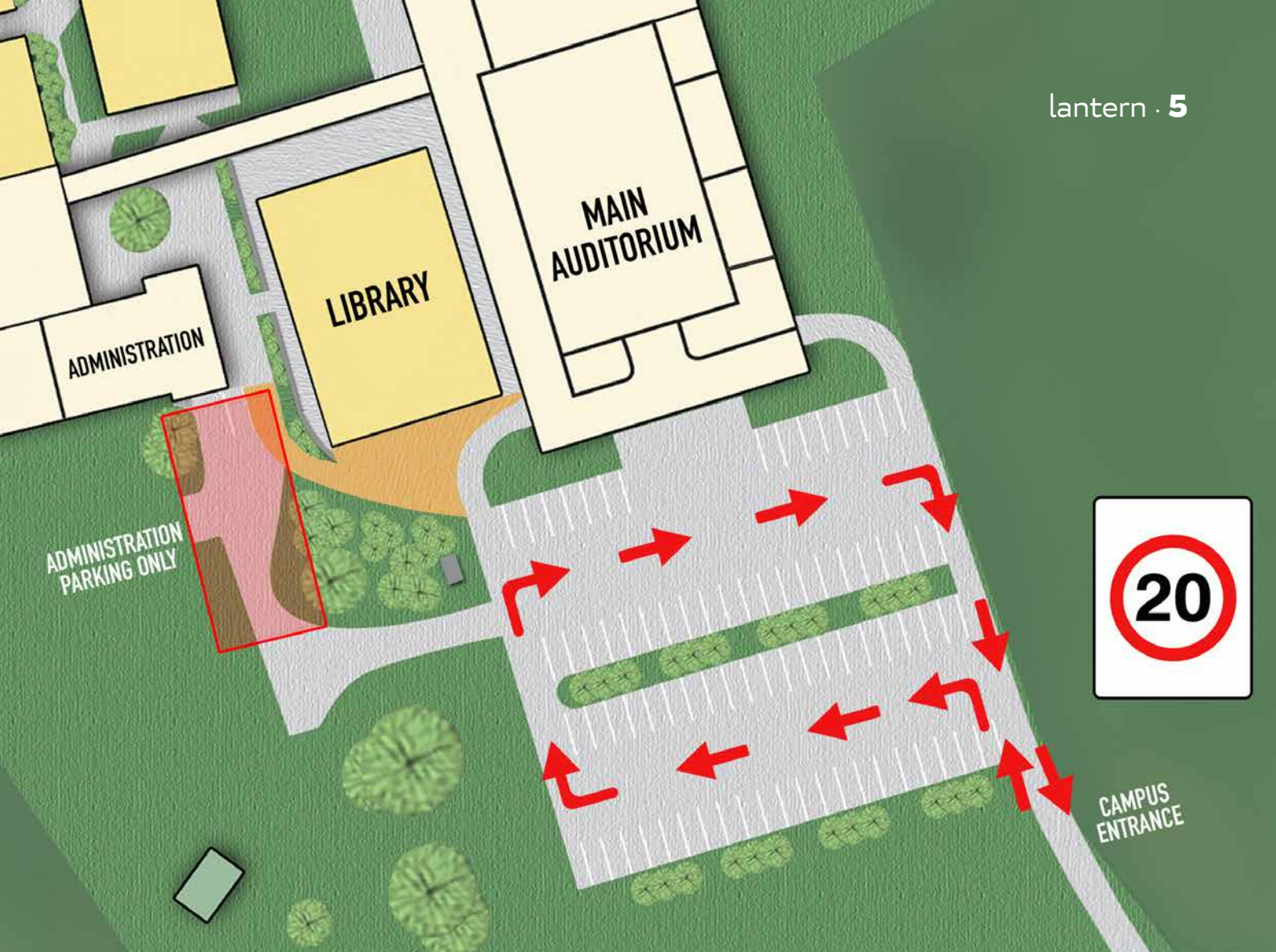
The LCS team continues to prioritise the capability development of every staff member. During January's Student Free Days, teachers and teacher aides worked with Jill McPherson, Educational Consultant with EdStrategic, on the Essential Skills for Classroom Management program, devised from the research of Christine Richmond.

Essential Skills for Classroom Management enables educators to foster a calm and supportive classroom through effective management. It covers topics such as: setting clear expectations, acknowledging appropriate behaviour, timely correction of inappropriate behaviour and exploring the 10 essential skills in practice.

Jill comes to us with over thirty years of educational experience in Independent Schooling including her previous role as Director of Innovation, Teaching and Learning at Trinity Anglican School in Cairns.

Jill will continue to support our integration of this program into daily classroom practice over the next two years. ■





# CAMPUS TRAFFIC FLOW & PARKING

In the interest of parent and child safety, please observe this diagram for school carpark traffic flow. Cars are to enter the campus via the first row of parking and exit only via the second row, to ensure the smooth flow of traffic especially during pickup and drop-off times. Please ensure you adhere to

the posted speed limit of 20km/h at all times. Due to a number of previous incidents and near misses, parking spots outside the School Administration building are reserved for staff and deliveries and this area is not to be used as a pickup/drop-off area. Please only use parking spots indicated on the diagram. ■



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# CLASS SPOTLIGHT

by HELENA COSTELLOE  
Year 5/6 Teacher

"...let us run with patience the race that is set before us..."  
Hebrews 12:1

**Y**ear 5/6 have hit the ground running with a class of twenty-seven students, four remarkable specialist teachers, two amazing teacher aides and one very excited primary teacher.

Write2Spell2Read - a multisensory, phonic-based literacy program, was introduced from day 1 and is now an integral part of our daily literacy program. The class was also blessed with a large interactive touchscreen that has already proven to be an invaluable tool in the classroom.

By Week 2 we had to say a very sad goodbye to a much-loved classmate, Jonty, as the van der Colff family relocated to New Zealand. Jonty and his family are missed by our whole school community!



Soccer teams were organised and Friday sport was underway. Mr Gorge has led a large group of enthusiastic soccer players to compete against other schools every Friday since Week 3 and regularly brings home great success stories from the games.

All the students have set learning goals and are working hard towards achieving academic success. They have also been learning some awesome songs in Choir with Mrs Henry for their Eisteddfod performance, creating colourful artworks with Mrs Sondergeld during Art and walking through the Old Testament with Pastor Mario. The students are now also memorising their parts and practising the songs for their musical that will be performed at the end of Term 2.

The Year 6 students have already started fundraising for their formal at the end of the year by selling ice-blocks at lunch time. This has been quite popular due to the hot weather and only made possible by the willingness of the 5/6 students who give up their own time to serve the primary student body.

2017 will be an exciting year for the 5/6 class as they work as a team to run the race that has been set before them. ■



# MY FIRST DAY OF ...

PREP



YEAR 1



YEAR 7







*Where are they now?*



**Tiana Smyth**  
*Dux of Lighthouse 2015*

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Currently Studying - Bachelor of Education (Secondary)



**Hannah Buchholz**  
*Dux of Lighthouse 2016*

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Currently Studying - Bachelor of Nursing

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You are faithful  
Faithful to the end



# DEVELOPING A CULTURE OF WORSHIP

by JOSEPH BOBADILLA

Each Monday morning as students, staff and parents enter the Main Auditorium for the weekly assembly, they see this verse above the doorway: “Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.” (Psalm 100:4) As we stand to our feet at the start of assembly and sing songs of praise and worship, this is what we are doing. We thank God for what He has done and is doing in our school and each of our lives and we bless His name. Allowing ourselves

to firstly focus our attention on God before anything else forms a great foundation for the rest of the week.

It is also a great opportunity for students to utilise their gifts and talents in music. We have a dedicated group of Secondary students that learn and practice songs weekly, whether they lead worship from behind an instrument or a microphone. Several Primary students also take time to learn actions and movements for some of our more energetic worship

songs, which everyone enjoys following along to. In addition, each Wednesday morning teams of Secondary students take turns leading fun songs for Primary Chapel in our Children’s Centre and they are doing a fantastic job. Special thanks to Gabby Knobel in Year 12 who has faithfully organised this every week this term!

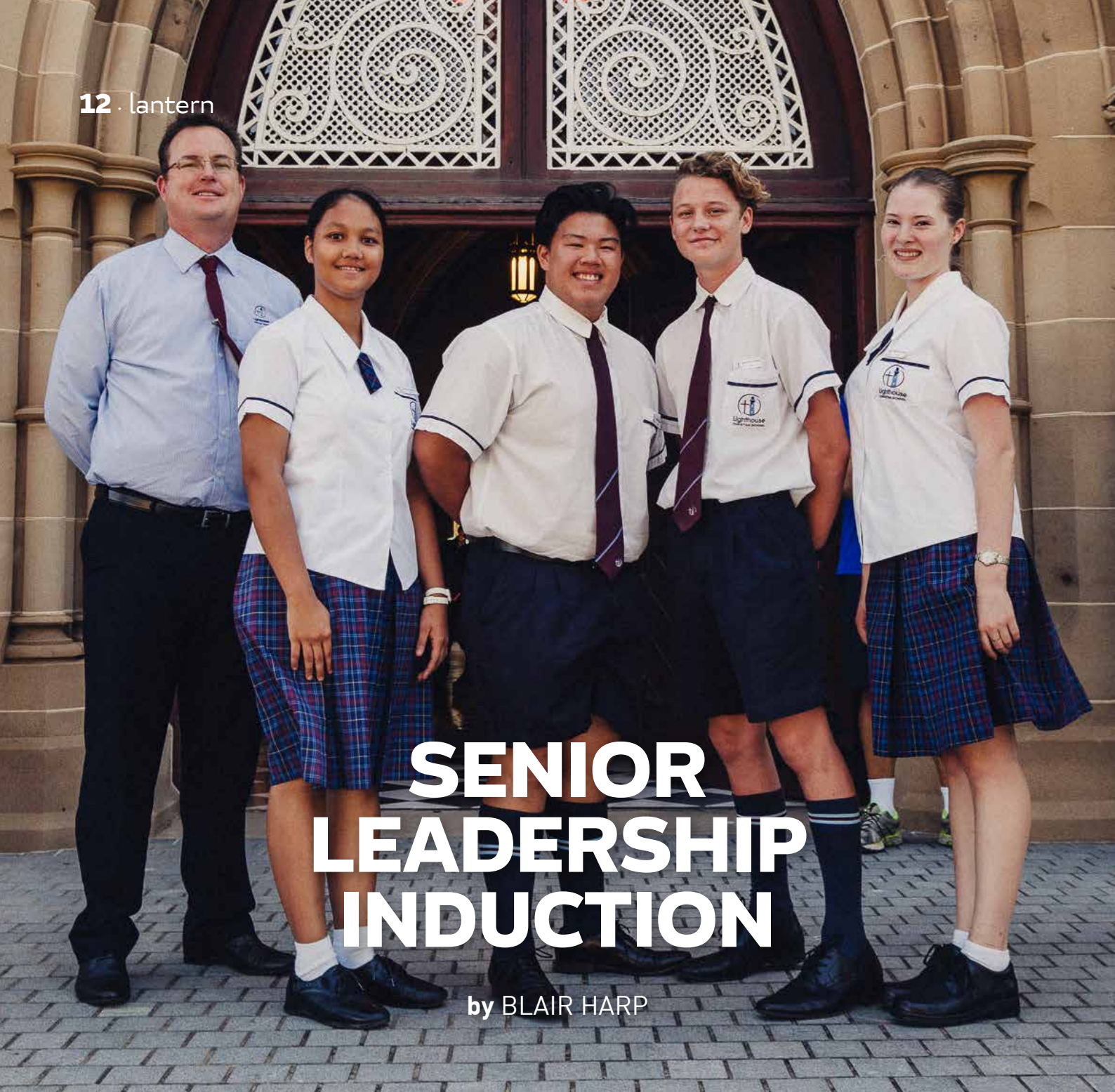
We look forward to discovering more talented musicians and vocalists with willing hearts to serve in Praise and Worship! ■



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**Tiana Smyth**

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# SENIOR LEADERSHIP INDUCTION

by BLAIR HARP

In February, our Annual School Leaders Induction Assembly introduced our Student Leadership Team for 2017. Charged with the responsibility of being an example to their peers in living out our values of Respect for God, Respect for Others and Respect for Self, our nine Captains, Vice Captains and Councillors were presented with badges and certificates by Rockhampton Regional Councillor,

Rose Swadling. Parents were then given the honour of pinning badges on their child.

Later that same week, our Captains and Vice Captains joined with student leaders from across Rockhampton, Mount Morgan and the Capricorn Coast in a Student Leadership Presentation held at St. Joseph's Cathedral in Rockhampton. ■



Lighthouse Christian School  
Senior Leadership of 2017



Captain  
Phoenix Vien



Captain  
Ruth Clemente



Vice Captain  
Eli Armstrong



Vice Captain  
Gabrielle Knobel



Councillor  
Jessica Arnold



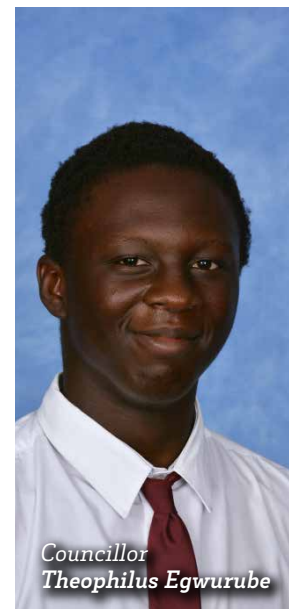
Councillor  
Paige Mackenzie



Councillor  
Keeley Robinson



Councillor  
Angus Morris



Councillor  
Theophilus Egwurube

# PUNCHING ABOVE OUR WEIGHT

by RUSSELL GORGE  
Year 9 Form Teacher & PE Coordinator

What a wonderful start to 2017. Nearly all our sports lessons have taken place in the under cover area out of the sun. The dining tables have been moved, we have new sports netting, 4 new basketball nets and 2 new futsal goals - a great area to teach and learn in.

Our school teams are all punching above their weight. It is quite amazing the results we are getting on a weekly basis. Of course we like to win and it is so good playing the larger schools and coming away with victories, but it is the manner in which we play, the enthusiasm, buzz and the self belief that is most pleasing.

## SECONDARY REPORT

At the time of writing the Senior Girls Basketball team have beaten Heights A 34-18, St Ursulas A 31-10, drawn with Emmaus A 36-36 (what a game, losing 28-8 at half time) and lost to RGS Gold 53-37 and TCC A 60-20. They are now drawn against St

Ursulas in the playoffs.

The Junior Boys Futsal team have beaten RGS 1 8-4, Glenmore 1 11-3, TCC 1 10-2 and have lost to Emmaus 2 8-2 and Heights College 13-1. The Senior Boys Futsal team have beaten RGS 1 7-5, Glenmore 2 6-3, TCC 1 10-2, Heights College 3-1 and lost to Emmaus 2 5-3.

## PRIMARY REPORT

The Primary Football competitive team have beaten Glenmore SS 5-1, Berserker SS 2 7-0, Parkhurst 1 3-1 and lost to Mount Archer 2-1.

The Primary Football social team have drawn with Crescent Lagoon SS 1-1, lost to Depot Hill 5-1 and Parkhurst SS2 3-1 and beaten Allenstown SS 6-2.

Our students really believe in themselves and they are wanting to make the finals. Keep up the positive attitude, never quit, dream big and keep on telling yourself that success is 10% raw talent and 90% hard work. Let's see what happens! ■







# AMART SPORTS COMMUNITY KICKBACKS

Since we joined the Amart Sports Community Kickbacks program, our school community has raised almost \$800! We have already used some of this money to purchase some basketball hoops for our undercover Multi-Purpose area, with which students have been training and using during lunch hours.

If you haven't already signed up for the Community Kickbacks program, we encourage you to do so using the instructions on the following page – it's quite simple! A percentage of every purchase you make at Amart Sports is then credited to our school. Every cent raised goes towards equipment to further improve our sports facilities and ultimately our students' Physical Development – one of our school's core goals.





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**3. Keep your laptop locked and secured when at school.**



# DREAM BIG PROJECT

by EMILEE-JOY BUCHHOLZ & LYDIA WEST

On Monday, the 27th of February, five of our students - Betty Sun, Emilee-Joy Buchholz, Lydia West, Natalie Bosomworth and Destany Leleu - took up the incredible opportunity to attend the Dream Big event held at the CQ University. The Dream Big event was an interesting and informative experience as it showed girls from many schools around Rockhampton that engineering is an option and a very possible future career. We were not yet aware of the various aspects of engineering and the different paths you can take as an engineer. Throughout the day we

had the opportunity to explore the different branches of engineering, which are, mechanical, chemical, civil and electrical.

At the start of the day we participated in some small activities and were spoken to by some ladies who shared their experiences and story of how they became engineers and what is involved in being an engineer. We also were shown the basics of soldering as we created mini torches, which taught us the electrical side of engineering. To show us the mechanical aspects of engineering, we partook in an

activity in which we constructed a small trebuchet as a group with students from other schools.

During the day, two of our students were interviewed by WIN news because the Mayor Margaret Strelow came to give us insight to the future of Rockhampton.

At the end of the day, we brainstormed with the Mayor on ways we can develop and improve our city. The overall experience was eye-opening and taught us what is possible in the field of engineering. ■

# Q&A

with **ALISON FAVARI**

In this issue of the Lantern, we're having a chat with Alison Favari. Alison is the wife of Pastor Mario and both of them have been faithfully serving in the ministry for over 20 years. Alison currently works at the front desk of our Administration office and is the friendly face to welcome all to our campus.

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## WHERE ARE YOU FROM ORIGINALLY?

I was born in Wollongong but most of my childhood I lived in Canberra. Pastor Mario and I were posted around a lot with the army after we married but eventually moved to Hervey Bay in 1994 where we started a church.

## WHAT DO YOU DO HERE AT LCS?

I'm the front office administration lady!

## WHAT IS YOUR NORMAL MORNING ROUTINE BEFORE WORK?

I don't have a routine. I sleep until the last minute, have breakfast and then Pastor Mario drags me to work. I am not a morning person!

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

Greeting the highschoolers good morning every day whilst they hand in their phones!

## WHEN AND HOW DID YOU BECOME A CHRISTIAN?

I was raised in a Christian family and I became a Christian when I was 13 after hearing a salvation message at a youth group in Queanbeyan NSW.

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

It wasn't one specific moment, but it was different events God put in our path to guide us, as a family, to Rockhampton!

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

Listen to your parents and teachers! God put them in your life for a reason. Enjoy every moment of your school life and don't be in too much of a hurry to grow up. ■



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*Pastor Mario & Alison have been faithfully serving in the ministry for over 20 years*



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