



FAITH CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

Newsletter 2019 Term 3 Week 3

"Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God." (Psalm 42:11)

PRINCIPAL'S NEWS

Today I wanted to take a moment to introduce you and your students to Scotty Hanson. You can watch this [award winning video to see a snap shot of Scotty's life](#). (Please watch "Maybe just A Little" with your children.) On this short film Scotty talks about his faith in Jesus and about one day receiving his new body.

Well, Scotty has received his new body, just a few days ago and we both celebrate and grieve with the beautiful Oakroot family who journeyed with Scotty over many years. You can just see the love in this photo.



[From Scotty's page](#), "We must learn to fight despondency. The fight is a fight of faith in future grace. It is fought by preaching truth to ourselves about God and his promised future. This is what the psalmist does in Psalm 42." (Quoted above) Scotty quotes the [Words from Counting Crows](#), "Jesus is the only name to remember..." Scotty's final words inspired me to tears. Even while breathing what he probably knew where his last breaths, he typed a message for Jesus. May we all point to Jesus with as much courage and brave selflessness.

Vanuatu News

Last weekend I flew over to Vanuatu to prepare for the coming Faith missions trip. I took my son, and a Christian businessman and friend Peter with me. For the whole five days we were involved in relationship building meetings, prayer and support discussions and planning for our student's trip.

When I came back, I shared with my daughters some of the clearly defined practical projects we will be involved in and they were so excited. We will still be working with children in the village schools and performing but having practical projects puts a great spin on things. We will be sharing these ideas at our next missions trip meeting on Wednesday night, so please pray for our team and the trip, for God to continue to open the right doors and to work in our Students lives.

One of the projects our students will be involved in is to support Jarisa.

She is a precious little 4-year-old who has had surgery for two bad club feet. Then, due to local hospital issues, she had a lack of blood flow to one foot. They amputated her leg soon after. We visited her

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straight after her operation, taking in the toys and gifts Vanessa my wife brought for her. She is so brave, all the hospital have is Panadol and nurses with a load of 30 to 1.

You can also see a photo of her grandma's house where she, her mother and two siblings live.



They are happy to sleep on sugar sacks on dirt floor with mother and the grandma preparing and growing food for the market to live day to day. When we turned up at the shack to see what our students can do to create a liveable situation, the mother was there but did not have the \$1.50 bus fair to visit her daughter. So, we took her back to see her girl for the first time following surgery. When she saw her daughter, it was devastating to see the sadness and tears. Peter and I helped with a few immediate needs and ongoing local school costs. But I think this may be a long-term project for our students and mission team, building and helping.

If you want to be part of helping Jarisa and our team in building a toilet, beds, access pathways and perhaps a humble building, please make a donation to: BSB 633000 AC 160825485. The name of the Account is Faith Christian School. **Please make sure you label the transfer "Jarisa"**.

School Staff News

This term has got underway with a great sense of expectation as we see God provide and open doors in the area of funding and new and additional staff. Each staff member has their own talents and heart to serve families and students. Part of the induction of new and existing staff is to revisit and understand our "why?" and this has been an important theme of our three staff training days. You can just imagine how exciting it has been for us to get together in one place and to see a staff of over 50 caring people, especially for those that remember our early training days, with 5 to 7 staff meeting together just 5 years ago.

Welcome New Staff



Katie Voigt North Brisbane Area Teacher

My name is Katie Voigt and I am excited to be joining the Faith CSDE team as a teacher in the North Brisbane area. I began my teaching career in 2000 and have taught mainly in the Lutheran Schools. More recently I have been working as a School Chaplain with Scripture Union where I was able to support both students and their families. My passion is helping students grow not only academically but socially, emotionally and spiritually. I have a particular interest in helping students who have additional needs such as anxiety, ADD and ASD. On a personal level I am married with four children who keep me very busy! My family and I enjoy camping, bushwalking and anything generally that involves being outside. I feel very privileged to be working at Faith CSDE where I will be able to work alongside and support families in educating their children and meeting their individual needs.



Heather Lehman Toowoomba Area Teacher

I am excited to join the staff and community of Faith CSDE. I have taught in Victoria and Queensland, within both state and Christian schools. I also taught our four boys (now young men) at home through distance education after they had attended school for a few years. Our family has lived in Toowoomba for 20 years and currently, all our children live interstate. After selling the Convenience Store that my husband and I ran for almost 12 years, we are enjoying our re-acquaintance and I feel excited to be part of the Faith Team.



Dilys Franklin Senior English Teacher

I'm very pleased to be on board with Faith Christian School. I'm so looking forward to working with the staff and the Year 12 English group. I can already see, they are a lovely group of students with wonderfully supportive parents. I have a love for drama and a background in distance ed, working initially with family groups and more recently in senior English. I'm based in Ipswich with my husband Paul and cat, Mr Tumnus; who emerged out of the wardrobe one day. My two married children also live in Ipswich. I'm praying that everyone will be mightily blessed this term. Thank you for the privilege of teaching English to your very important young men and women.



Annah Dicuwollah Gold Coast Teacher Aide

I am very excited at the opportunity to join Faith CSDE as a Teacher Aide. I bring many years of cross-cultural experience working with children and youth; coordinating church programs utilising dance, drama, music, arts and crafts to teach the word of God. It gives me great fulfillment to see the joy that these bring to the children and their families. I am a secondary school teacher by background and have home-schooled my children for a period. Originally from Papua New Guinea, my family and I now live on the Gold Coast. My other interests include family picnics, beach walking and fishing.



Sarah van der Walt South Brisbane Special Needs Teacher Aide

I come to Faith after being in mainstream schools working with students who learn differently. I have always had a passion for students with diverse needs and believe that my students have taught me just as much, probably more, than I have taught them. I am very excited to meet the Faith families and join in their journey. I live on the south side of Brisbane with my two kids, two budgies, four goldfish and our crazy little dog Marley. We love to go to the beach and enjoy spending time with our friends and extended family.



Donna Gallehawk Rocky Teacher Aide

Hi, I'm Donna Gallehawk and I am looking forward to assisting Mr Paul Pardede in supporting the wonderful families of the Capricornia region. My husband and I have been Christians for over 21 years and continue to seek the Lord's wisdom and direction. We have four children, all have experienced home schooling at different times. Some years ago, I was invited to attend a home-school workshop. Whilst there, I quickly recognized that Jason Caldwell held some answers for my family. So, we became members of Faith Christian School and I know that God is still imparting His grace, knowledge, understanding and wisdom to families through this school.

My background has been primarily in administration, so I understand the importance of organisation and planning. Most relevant though, I have been a home school Mum. I have been there in the trenches and experienced the struggles but have also rejoiced in the breakthroughs!

We also have two additional teachers starting in the coming weeks and we will inform you of more details once they have officially started. Continue to pray for us as we search and seek this term for an additional 3 teachers and another Teacher Aide.

Goodbye to Kara Followes and Emma Mc Naught

I was with some surprise that we found out that Kara Followes, our champion of Senior English let us know that she is moving onto new things. Kara has worked hard for several years and I know she will be missed by many.

Emma Mc Naught, who was part time with us following maternity leave has also moved on with her family moving out west in NSW. We are grateful to her for all her caring hard work.

Cross Country and Science Fair

What an amazing day was had by all. Thanks to everyone involved - so many good reports and encouragement was received by staff for this event. It was a privilege to be part of such a day.

Next we have the Science Fair and I am praying for the best turn out ever! Remember our staff are available to help with planning and ideas and it is a good idea to start early. We have sent out a package on how to prepare for a Science fair but if you missed this, please just ask your teacher as they are keen to help. It's not too late to start on a simple fun project but don't put this off as families generally enjoy the learning process more when they have been able to spend 2 or 3 hour per week building up to the finished experiments, write up and presentation.



Special Visitors

Today I was blessed with special visitors coming to our office in Woodridge to see me. Kathy and Clary Till are wonderful friends of mine as I had the blessing of introducing Kathy to Jesus 20 years ago while working in a NZ State School principal position. She was one of my teacher aides and we enjoyed 20 minutes of catching up and sharing funny memories. It was humbling for me to hear her comments on what her children and herself remembered about me. It was not that I was Principal- hard worker or what type of car I drove or how good I was at surfing or hang gliding. It was instead that I was an encourager. I pray that God helps us all as Teacher/Parent educators to be encouragers of the precious children and young adults that God has placed in our lives.

I pray you are blessed this term in your home-schooling journey.
Please remember, our staff are here to help

Jason Caldwell
Principal Faith Christian School

IMPORTANT DATES FOR THE DIARY & FRIDGE:

Please print out a copy of this calendar for term three by following this link. [Term Calendar](#).
We are working hard to produce engaging weekly library visits, Workshops in all areas, Home Visits, Science Fairs, Athletics Days and Careers Guidance opportunities. So please make sure you know when things are on, so you don't miss out.

SCHOOL ID CODE

For those families that require assistance from Centrelink or any other institution, Faith Christian School's code is 8013.