Greetings

The calendar has now reached the “embers” of the year, and I am reminded that I am coming to the end of a long and enjoyable journey. It is a reflective time for me as I write the next 4 newsletter articles, after almost 36 years of being a Principal in a Christian School. I would like to take this opportunity to write to a theme which I will call “What matters most”. In these thoughts, I will reach back to the memories of my own journey and reflect on life today to draw out a thought that has guided me in life.

I first put my fingers on a computer keyboard at Computer Joe’s shop in Townsville in 1984. The computer was a Hitachi Peach. It had a colour screen and twin floppy disk drives and it ran GW Basic. He convinced me that this computer was so advanced it would still be good in 20 years. I bought it and became an expert in GW Basic programming. As I reflect back on the days before computers; before mobile phones and before the instant camera and post to the web; I ponder on whether we have improved our lot with technology, or caused greater stress on students that I never faced. What is it that we as a society have done to ourselves and our children that causes this? Our society seems to be obsessed with instant rewards, instant information and “image” rather than “character”.

Several of my staff recently attended a conference with me where the keynote speaker, Dr Jamie Smith, spoke on these things as the key issues facing Christian Schools into the future. He started with a well known Bible verse written in ancient times, but still so true today “Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.” Proverbs 4:23

The arrival of instant access to information seems, at first glance, to be a good thing. I can keep abreast of what is happening at this moment anywhere in the world. I know exactly what all my friends are doing and I am seeing all their pictures immediately. So the modern day phone becomes our “must have” gadget otherwise I am disconnected. In the early days we called it information overload. There is only so much information we can hold at one time, and sadly the important things get lost in the noise of everything.

Relationships are so important in the development and sustaining of our character. Relationships are best formed in the presence of the other person, but that means less friends, inconvenience in getting together, and putting away the technology and just talking. It has been the process of human living from the beginning, and has only changed in recent times because of technology.

Our Christian belief is that the presence of God is always within us. Our sense of self is far deeper and secure when we realise that we have a relationship with a loving God who has designed us for this purpose. As this awareness has grown in my life, I have learnt to be at peace with who I am, and have no need to hold a profile on a social media page. I have learnt to care for the person in my current situation in real time. It may seem ineffective in saving the world, but it matters most to me. My resilience has come from doing life with people, and seeking to make a contribution in every interaction I have with others. As I look forward, knowing the trends that are developing in schools, I am convinced that the wellbeing of each child will become increasingly important as their starting point for life, and that this will only be found in good real relationships with others which was modelled so clearly in the life of Jesus.

God Bless

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FUTURE OF SENIOR INFORMATION NIGHT

It was wonderful to have over 80 parents and children join us on Tuesday 30th of August as we presented our ‘Future of Senior Information Night’ for families of Grade 8 & 9 students. The structure of senior schooling in Queensland is changing in 2018, and our Grade 9 students will be the first cohort to graduate under this new system. Key staff at Parklands have been attending every professional development opportunity available in order to be well informed of these changes. We are confident in our positioning to implement these changes and we will embrace the benefits of them. Several staff have been involved in trials and forums this year, which has been an excellent opportunity to get insider knowledge and to give input and feedback.

The key information is:

♦ In 2018, Grade 11 students will commence the new system, studying subjects that have been updated and, in some instances, renamed or restructured.

♦ In 2019, Grade 12 students will complete their studies, which will include an external assessment for each subject.

♦ The Queensland Certificate of Education (QCE) will remain as it currently is.

♦ The Overall Position (OP) which is currently used for tertiary entrance will be replaced by the Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR), which is currently being used in other states.

We will continue to support our Grade 10-12 students, who will complete their schooling under the current system. As new information arises regarding the future of senior schooling in Queensland, we at Parklands will continue to be informed and share this information with our staff and families, and be strategic in how we implement this in our College.

If you would like to receive a copy of the PowerPoint slides used on Tuesday night, please email me jgrounds@parklands.qld.edu.au. If you would like more information about these changes, please refer to the QCAA website www.qcaa.qld.edu.au .

Miss Jess Grounds
Head of Secondary.
Senior News...

Grade 12 News
Well done to our Gr 12 students for your outstanding efforts in the recent QCS Testing. We are now praying for you, and all of our seniors, as you complete final assessment and preparation for Term 3 exams. Parents, senior teachers are now preparing Gr 12 submissions for verification with QCAA. It is very important that deadlines are met. If your child is absent from an exam, please ensure you request a medical certificate from your doctor, which can be handed in at Student Services.

Top 5 Tips for Dealing with School Pressure
Coping with school pressure can be tough but talking to your child doesn’t have to be.
DON’T worry about OP scores or rankings or compare your child to others based on grades. Many children have strengths that aren’t measured by school systems.
DO talk to teachers about what engages your child, their strengths, and about how they learn, not just grades.
DON’T let homework become a point of conflict or a dreaded chore, and definitely do not do your child’s homework for them.
DON’T fixate on outcomes, think more about the process. Focus on promoting your child’s love of learning.
REMEMBER, your child has only one childhood, and only one adolescence. Adult worries are for adulthood.
Reference: Lucy Clark, 2016.

Qld Tertiary Admissions Centre (QTAC)
After exams, Gr 12 students have been encouraged to keep thinking through their six preferences for QTAC. A reminder that your child must register with QTAC, applications for Semester 1 & 2, 2017 are now open.
Due date for on-time applications: 30th September 2016. The price of registration almost quadruples after this date. (Don’t forget, allow 2 extra days for B-Pay processing). http://www.qtac.edu.au/key-dates-fees

10 Steps to Tertiary Study
1. Find out about OPs/ QTAC selection ranks
2. Find courses, entry requirements and cut-offs
3. Discover ways to improve your application
4. Find out about study costs
5. Get your documentation together
6. Know your rights and responsibilities
7. Find out when to apply
8. Order your preferences correctly
9. Fill out your application
10. Respond to your offer

I encourage everyone interested in applying for a course of study beyond school to go to QTAC’s website to read in more detail at: http://www.qtac.edu.au

Grade 11-12 Senior Learning Accounts
A reminder that Gr 11 and 12 students should be regularly checking their Student Connect account with Queensland Curriculum Assessment Authority (QCAA). This account provides students with access to their learning account and results, as well as information and links to help you explore your future education and career pathways. This is particularly important for Gr 12, as this information is used to contribute to final senior certificates. A thorough check of subjects and any Vocational Education courses must be completed. Please notify Mrs Hudson or Mrs Wallis if there are any discrepancies. Go to https://studentconnect.qcaa.qld.edu.au/

Grade 10-12 Subject Selections for 2017
All students for Gr 10-12 in 2017 have now been provided with an email link to choose next year’s subjects. If your child changes their mind, that’s okay, they will just need to fill out a “Change of Subject” form, located at Student Services. At Parklands we strive to work alongside each student to map out a Senior Pathway that is best for your child. The right subjects and pathway, to match your child’s interests, skillset, and aligned with future choices, will help to increase student confidence and motivation and ultimately to achieve greater results in their schooling.

If you would like to talk more about pathway options, or if you have any questions please do not hesitate to contact me via Student Services or direct via email at: rwallis@parklands.qld.edu.au

Warmest Blessings to you all,

Mrs Rebecca Wallis
Coordinator of Senior College
From the Coordinator of Senior College

**Gr11-12 Hospitality Practices Event**

Congratulations to the Senior Hospitality Practices class who recently planned and hosted a special occasion’s function, a “Family Fiesta” for their own families. The Hospitality students often run events throughout the course of the year, and it was delightful to see them prepare and treat their own families. Well done to Mrs Parker and the students involved.
From the Head of Primary

Car Parks

Thank you for the wonderful support and the way all parents have embraced the manner and process in using the Rosia Rd and Hillcrest Rd car park and Drop Off Zones. The process is working really well! Can I please ask that parents:

- Slow down and drive very carefully through the car parks.
- Be very aware of the Pedestrian Crossing and 'Lollipop Lady' on duty.
- Only cross at the Pedestrian Crossing and not up near the Gr 6 classes and top gate.
- “GO TO THE TOP TO DROP” on entering the Rosia Rd drop off area. Please move up to the very last open bay you encounter to pull in. This will allow others arriving after you to have an open bay.

Thank you for your support, cooperation and assistance to keep our car parks running smoothly, and our students safe.

Independent Schools Queensland welcomes improved NAPLAN outcomes

Independent Schools Queensland has congratulated schools, school leaders, teachers and students on improved NAPLAN results this year. Executive Director David Robertson said Queensland’s improving NAPLAN outcomes were significant and a testament to the hard work of schools and their continued focus on student outcomes. “The improvement in Years 3 and 5 results in Queensland is particularly pleasing,” he said. “The Government’s focus on the early years through national partnerships and intensive literacy and numeracy national partnerships that directly focus on improvements in the primary years, has been most welcome and is clearly having an effect.” Independent Schools Queensland’s flagship program, Literacy and Numeracy Coaching, (now in its fourth year at Parklands), also helps schools work intensively with teachers to increase their pedagogical skill using research-proven best practice.

“NAPLAN is a tool to ascertain trends and patterns across class, school, State and National levels. NAPLAN test results show a snapshot in time and are not the sole measure of students’ abilities. These results should not be used to directly compare schools or create comparative league tables as they do not paint a complete picture of educational outcomes and school experiences.” Mr Robertson said, “Independent schools focus on addressing students’ individual needs and are helping them achieve their best possible academic results.”

eLearning in 2017

In wishing to offer our senior Primary students every opportunity to use technology in class to assist with and improve their learning, we will continue to allow the Grade 5 and 6 students to make use of or bring iPads to school next year. This follows on with the trend in education to promote eLearning and the use of modern electronic devices in Senior Primary. Feedback from staff, parents and the Gr 5 & 6 students about iPad use has been very positive.

We have organised a Gr 4 and 5 iPad Informative Parent Evening on Tuesday 11th October in Student Services where questions about iPad selection, process, security, resources, Apps, class use etc. will all be answered. We look forward to seeing the Gr 4 and 5 parents in attendance on the night.

Mr Grant Jakins
Head of Primary
GRADE 1

Grade 1 has been very busy this term and have been working hard in all areas of learning. This is such an exciting time of the year for this age group. We love seeing the joy and excitement in the children as they grow and learn and begin to realise all they are capable of.

We are continuing to design and create our Little Pig’s Houses in Design & Technology this term. The children are thoroughly enjoying this activity and we are looking forward to seeing the finished products!

We also had a visit from our local Fire Department recently. The children loved looking at all the fire safety equipment and took part in a discussion about fire safety. We also got to have a go at using the fire hose! It was a wonderful experience for our students!

Last Thursday the children participated in a Sound & Light Incursion. This was an awesome way to consolidate our knowledge from this term’s Science Unit and the children found it entertaining and very engaging.

As this term draws to a close we are wrapping up our Humanities unit about Family – Past, Present and Future. The children have worked hard to produce interesting posters and are currently enjoying presenting them to classmates.

Blessings

Mrs Clausen, Mrs Davis & Mrs Marsh.

GRADE 3

During Term 3 the Grade 3 students have been learning about Heat in Science. They have predicted what would happen to liquid placed in different conditions and then conducted experiments, using thermometers to test their predictions. In English the students have been writing information reports about a place or animal. The students conducted their own research using Chromebooks and have found some interesting facts in the process. One student found it very interesting that a platypus is a monotreme (mammal that lays eggs) and another found out that some species of snakes can be as small as a toothpick (fully grown). For their Geography assignment this term, the students have been able to tell us information about different countries in the Asia Pacific region and it has been fascinating to hear the different ‘interesting facts’ that they found.

Mrs Abbot, Mr Kennedy and Mrs Jones
Grade 6

This term Grade 6G had the biggest change with Mrs Koplick taking the class while Mr Gowreah is away on long service leave. Both classes, however, have had many exciting things going on during the term including:

African Mission Trip Visit: during their visit Miss Carmin and Miss Greta came into the classrooms to observe how we are teaching and learning in Australia. Miss Carmin and Miss Greta taught each class a praise song in the traditional language of the village they live in. They also shared student profiles from their schools back in Africa. Both classes did up their own profiles with a small snippet on what they like to do and any prayer requests. The students loved asking both Miss Carmin and Miss Greta questions about their country and also about their classrooms.

Last week we were blessed to have Mr Dave Parkinson from the Greenbank Rural Fire Service visit us for an incursion. The students learnt about the fire truck equipment and fire prevention – methods and tactics. With Australia coming into the fire season, this was a valuable experience.

In Health this term, students are learning about healthy drinking options. Students had to create a poster containing 2 unhealthy beverages and promote the health effects water has on the body. All the students had a lot of fun researching and creating their own water bottle label and research poster.

Mr Holman, Mrs Koplick and Miss Cooke
Untold Stories of Unknown Heroes.

Year 11/12 English Communication students are grateful to the residents of Regis Aged Care for visiting us last Friday. It was fascinating to hear the stories as we shared a cup of tea and some morning tea together. During the next two weeks, we will be putting together visual biographies that share some elements of our visitors’ lives and demonstrate that anyone can be a hero in life; not always in the same way; and we will never know that about each other without taking the time to hear the untold stories.

There were two stories which stood out from our guests on Friday. One was that of a 16 year old Burmese nursing student who trekked out from Rangoon, Burma when the threat of Japanese invasion was too close for comfort. She had her big sister for confidence and only the clothes on her back, a knapsack of cheap rice and sanitary towels, because “we didn’t know how long we’d be in the jungle.” It turned out to be 17 days from Burma to India on foot and three years before the sisters returned home.

History buffs will be fascinated by the fact that our class is now 3 degrees of separation, closer than the touted 6, to Adolf Hitler. One of our guests, a career soldier, was part of the small team of prison guards for Rudolph Hess after World War II. You just never know what stories people have that remain untold!

Parklands has a longstanding relationship with Regis Aged Care, with Year 10 Home Ec students visiting with Christmas goodies in Term 4 for more than seven years and residents sharing some important ceremonies, such as Remembrance Day, with us. This is set to continue into the future with more visits and some projects for the Active Volunteering class being discussed.

Thanks again Jackie, Charmaine and our guests for visiting. We hope to see you again soon.

Mrs Mandy Ross
Secondary English Teacher

Thank you to a special parent

Last week I was waiting to be picked up from school. A father was picking up his kids. He drove off but next thing I knew he had gone around the car park and pulled up, wound down his window and was asking me if I was ok and needed a lift. He even offered his mobile phone if I needed to ring someone up. I was fine and my lift was just about due to arrive.

I thought chivalry was dead, and to show such concern for a staff member of your child’s school is virtually unheard of as everyone is so busy nowadays.

I would like to say a big THANKYOU to this gentleman who is a great example of our parents here at Parklands.

Mrs Kaye Ryan
Parklands is pleased to congratulate the year 11 and 12 Economics class, who joined over 2000 Economics students from around the state of Queensland who participated in the annual UQ QETA Economics Competition. Students took the test, set by UQ's School of Economics and QETA (Queensland Economic Teachers Association) during regular class time in late July.

Philip Mathews (Year 12, second from the left) earned top honours with a High Distinction, while Liam Inglis (Year 12), Halina Marshall (Year 12) and Fraser Terry (Year 11) all earned Distinctions. Eleven students received a credit, with four of these missing a distinction by only a few points! All students who participated will receive a certificate from the University of Queensland. Well done students!

On July 22, students from the Grade 11 and 12 Economics class attended an Economics Day hosted jointly by QUT and the Queensland Association of Economics teachers (QETA) at the Gardens Point campus of QUT. Students attended lectures delivered by esteemed professors about a variety of curriculum related topics in Economics, including analyses of the current economic outlook and possible future careers in economics and business. Students enjoyed a catered lunch and the opportunity to mingle with Economics students from all over Queensland.

Also, in attendance was the principal author of the current Economics Textbooks (Economics for the Real World 1 and 2), and current QETA Secretary/Treasurer, Mr. Doug Cave (See photo).

Mrs Odette Watson
Mathematics and Economics Teacher
Secondary News

**SENIOR VISUAL ART**

Senior Visual Art students and their families visited the Logan Art Gallery on Friday the 26th of August for the opening of the annual Artwaves exhibition. Five of our talented senior students had their artworks selected to showcase in the exhibition. Congratulations to Minh Le, Emily Applewaite, Lauren Wheaton, Kassidy Lane and Montana Weber. Your artwork represented our school beautifully!

Mrs Jessica Holman  
Visual Art & Graphics Teacher

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**Library cards - A free lunch for the mind!**

Something new, to me at least, is now available with your Logan Library membership: free downloads of both ebooks and audiobooks! From their thousands of titles, you’ll be sure to find what you’d like to listen to or read, no stress, no hassle, no more to carry, and, perhaps best of all, no overdue charges.

Using the library membership number they received on their excursions earlier this year, students will be able to register with oneclickdigital.com and then download the free app of the same name to access the library collection. Once downloaded, the book you choose is available off line and when it becomes due, it simply drops off your list. Brilliant!

As always, there’s lots more happening at the library - see [http://loganlibraries.org/whats-on/#whats-on-booklet](http://loganlibraries.org/whats-on/#whats-on-booklet) for details.

If you did not join the library earlier in the year, I still have membership packs available.

Enjoy your stories!

Mrs Mandy Ross
Go Team!

Days for Girls kits are continuing to be created and packed by a diligent and committed, if small, team of volunteers each Monday afternoon. Our scissors snip and our stitches whir almost as fast as the conversations we share. Please remember you are always welcome to join us, whether it’s a once only visit or an ongoing commitment. Each piece brings us closer to buying back days of education, dignity and self-worth for the girls who will receive our kits.

If you aren’t able to join us, you may still contribute. We need your prayers that the kits will be a blessing to the girls who receive them. Also helpful are colourful face washers; knickers in ladies sizes 6-12 or girls’ sizes 8-14; Large or A4-sized Hercules snap lock bags; or some dollars to purchase these.

All contributions or questions are welcomed by Mandy Ross at mross@parklands.qld.edu.au

Students Reaching Their Zenith

meaning of Zenith: reaching the pinnacle; personal best; the summit

Zenith Club is up and running this year on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons 3:30pm to 4:30pm. One of the most important factors contributing to a student’s academic success is creating habits of regular study and homework completion. Zenith Club is designed for any Secondary student to attend and work quietly or with others if challenges arise. Grade 12 students are running Zenith Club and providing help and encouragement for younger students in completing homework and assessment tasks.

Some students are being strategic as they realise that working with their peers on homework tasks and assessment preparation makes it more enjoyable and more efficient. Zenith Club provides the opportunity for students to meet with their classmates and work together while still under teacher supervision.

If that isn’t enough to entice you to fill in a permission slip and make the most of Zenith Club, there is even more. Zenith Tutoring is about to start up for the year; a regular one-on-one tutoring session with a Senior student who has demonstrated success in the subject areas. It may be to help get on track in a subject that is producing more struggles than success or it may be to get general support across all subjects, homework and assignments. A permission form to enrol in the Zenith Tutoring program will be circulated soon, and places are limited.

Usually parents would be paying for these opportunities but the students and staff who volunteer make this available all for free. Isn’t it wonderful to be part of the Parklands community where we are all working towards students fulfilling their potential!
Resilience is the ability to bounce back, adjust easily, or recover quickly from disappointment or difficulties.

Some children are naturally more resilient due to their temperaments while others need guidance to help them develop this trait!

The Resilient Friends Program (RFP) focuses on strategies and activities which teach resilience and positive social and emotional skills that students can draw on when faced with the normal everyday interactions that take place amongst peers in the classroom or on the playground.

10 best phrases to teach resilience to your kids
by Michael Grose

1. **Humour**
   - Phrase: “Come on, laugh it off!”

2. **Contain thinking, perfectionism and anxiety**
   - Phrase: “Don’t let this spoil everything”

3. **Distraction**
   - Phrase: “Let’s take a break”

4. **Handling worry and asking for help**
   - Phrase: “Who have you spoken about this?”

5. **Offering hope**
   - Phrase: “I know it looks bad now but you will get through this”

6. **Positive reframing**
   - Phrase: “What can you learn from this so it doesn’t happen next time?”

7. **Acceptance**
   - Phrase: “Don’t worry – relax and see what happens!”

8. **Perspective**
   - Phrase: “This isn’t the end of the world”

9. **Flexible thinking**
   - Phrase: “You could be right. But have you thought about …”

10. **Taking action**
    - Phrase: “What can we do about this?”

From Student Care & Wellbeing

**Operation Snippet**

“I would like to give appreciation to Mr. Bradshaw for being such a dedicated teacher, who always thinks of how to make the students achieve more. I think he has a very good approach to help the students to reach their best, with a fun and relaxed mood.

According to my daughter’s story, he is very good at telling jokes or funny stories to make the learning process fun. At the same time giving as much knowledge as he can for the students to learn. He is also very friendly, and always has a smile for parents.

Overall, he is the best teacher I’ve known so far for the five and a half years we have been at Parklands. All the best to Mr. Bradshaw and God bless Parklands Christian College.” - Tommy Soesmanto & Sandy Rahadi.

Each term Operation Snippet provides students and staff to provide positive feedback and encouragement to one another. There are snippet forms available for students and staff to complete in the classrooms. If you would like to send a snippet to a teacher, feel free to send an email to Mrs. Jackman at ajackman@parklands.qld.edu.au

“I would like Mrs. Marsh, the year 1 teacher aide to receive a snippet. While both grade one teachers were absent at the start of the term, she had a lot of unsure children especially in Mrs. Clausen’s class. She was amazing! She went out of her way to answer any parent questions and comforted the upset children. She is an asset to the school and her kind heart did so much to help.

Thank you!” - Melissa Sampson.
Sport

**CSSA Secondary Athletics**
On August the 29th, CSSA hosted its first twilight carnival for the secondary schools. The students had been training during Term 3 for this event and were ready to go. All night we had students competing at a high standard and many coming away with top 5 results. The performances of the night would have to go to the 15yrs boys who won their division out of 12 teams, and the 14yrs boys who finished 3rd. Overall the school finished 6th on the day out of 12 schools and finished 2nd in the School B Division. We are very proud of all the athletes who trained hard and competed on the night. We are very excited for the future of athletics in the school and can’t wait for next year.

**Primary CSSA Athletics Carnival**
On 29th August, 44 Primary students attended the CSSA QLD Athletics Carnival at QEII. After two months of attending two trainings each week, students were well prepared for the tough competition the CSSA carnivals are renowned for. All students put in 100% and did their very best, representing the college with great sportsmanship and commitment. The highlights of the carnival were Ella Leau placing 2nd in 200m and 3rd in the 100m sprints and achieving bronze age champion for 9 years girls; Ashton Erbacher winning 12 years boys shotput; and Ethan Jackson placing 2nd in 9 years shotput. Congratulations to these students and all students who gave their very best.

**BCS Soccer**
Last month our school competed in the BCS soccer tournaments for both boys and girls. On the 15th of August the U15 girls played at Rochedale Rover Soccer Club for a chance to win the tournament. A valiant effort saw the girls finish 3rd overall on the day out of 10 competing schools. A week later the U15 and Open boys took to the field at Hubner Park. The Open boys made it to the semi-finals undefeated, only to be knocked out by Hillbrook in a penalty shootout. The U15’s tried their best all day and managed to end up 10th out of 12 teams overall. Thank you to all the coaches and players for putting in a great effort over the 2 days of competition.

**Interschool Sport**
Senior options for sport this semester are Ten Pin Bowling, Gym and Indoor sports.
For the middle school, they are participating in an inter-house competition between Joshua and Samuel. Each week they will compete in different sports and games to challenge for the top spot.
Teams and results can be found on the sports website. [https://sites.google.com/a/parklands.qld.edu.au/test-sport/]
Please see below for details on all the trials for each of the sports ahead of the National Christian School games in Sydney next year. It would be great to see Parklands represented in some of these sports. All application forms for each sport are on the sport website under CSSA tab. Complete the intent to trial form for your chosen sport and forward to jleembruggen@parklands.qld.edu.au

**Sport: Basketball**  
Trial date: Sunday 9th October 2016  
Trial Venue and address: Cornubia Park Sports Centre, 146 Bryants Road, Shailer Park  
Time: 1 - 4:30pm  
Gear required: Water bottle, reversible singlet (if you have one), Application to trial paperwork.

**Sport: Football (Soccer)**  
Trial date: Saturday 8 October 2016  
Trial Venue and address: Calvary Christian College, 559 Beenleigh-Redland Bay Road, Carbrook Q 4130  
Time: 1-4pm  
Gear required: Water Bottle, Shin Pads, Boots

**Sport: Netball**  
Trial date: Sunday 9 October 2016  
Trial Venue and address: Southpine Sports Complex, 620 South Pine Road, Brendale 4500  
Time: 10.00am - 12.30pm  
Gear required: water bottle, appropriate playing attire including shoes.

**Sport: Tennis**  
Trial date: Sunday 9th October 2016  
Trial Venue and address: Genesis Christian College, Young’s Crossing Rd, Bray Park, Brisbane  
Time: 12pm - 3pm  
Gear required: water bottle, appropriate playing attire and racket.

**Sport: Volleyball**  
Trial date: Saturday 8th October 2016  
Trial Venue and address: Redlands Christian College, 38 Anson Rd, Wellington Point QLD 4160  
Time: 1-3pm  
Gear required: knee pads (if possible), water bottle, towel, non-marking sports shoes.

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Mr Josh Leembruggen (Secondary)  
Mr Ben Lewis (Primary)
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Student free dates for 2017
- Mon 16th Jan – Fri 20th Jan
- Mon 19th June – Fri 23rd June
- Mon 16th Oct (State-wide Moderation Day)
- Mon 27th Nov – Friday 1st Dec

Academic Year finishing dates for 2017
- Grades 10-12 - Friday 17th Nov
- P-9 – Friday 24th Nov

Queensland Public Holidays
The following list shows holidays within the 2017 academic year
- Australia Day – Thur 26th January
- Good Friday – Fri 14th April
- Easter Monday – Mon 17th April
- ANZAC Day – Tues 25th April
- Labour Day – Mon 1st May
- Royal Queensland Show (EKKA) – Mon 14th August
- Queen’s Birthday – Mon 2nd October

Secondary Exam Weeks
Students should be present on the dates listed. **Do not book holidays or plan for your child to be away during exam weeks.** Alternate exam sitting times may not be available in some cases.

**Term 1 – Mon 20th March – Fri 24th March**
**Term 2 – Mon 5th June – Fri 9th June**
**Term 3 – Mon 4th Sep – Fri 8th Sep**
**Term 4 – Grade 12: Tue 7th Nov – Tue 14th Nov**
**Grade 10-11: Mon 13th Nov – Fri 17th Nov**
**Middle School: Mon 20th Nov – Thurs 23rd Nov**

**NAPLAN - Grades 3, 5, 7, & 9 only**
Tue 9th May – Thurs 11th May

**QCS Test - Grade 12 only**
Tue 29th August – Writing (2 hours) & Multiple Choice 1 (1.5 hours)
Wed 30th August – Short Response (2 hours) & Multiple Choice 2 (1.5 hours)
Carols on the Green

Date: Friday 4th of November 5:00pm – 8:30pm

You are invited to attend our annual Carols on the Green. Join us on Friday 4th November as we celebrate the birth of Christ. Bring a picnic rug and enjoy an afternoon of entertainment, followed by an evening of carolling. This special family friendly carols event will be held outdoors from 5:00pm behind the Administration building, off the side of our top oval.

Bring a picnic or avail yourself of our sausage sizzle, drinks, fairy floss and glow sticks will be on sale for the duration of the evening. We will reserve the slope for all those bringing picnic rugs, but for those families needing seating, we can accommodate BYO camping chairs on the lower area in front of the stage. Please note this is a non-alcoholic and non-smoking event.

Carols on the Green Program:

5:00pm—8:00pm: Jumping castle & slide, activities on the oval, on stage entertainment.
5:00pm—8:00pm: Available to purchase.
- Sausage Sizzle, Drinks, Fairy Floss & Coffee on sale (Coffee by “Coffee Revelation”)
- Glow Sticks/Toys, Show Bags
- RAWimpact Cambodia Products
- SHE Rescue Christmas Gifts

6:45pm: Hamper Gift Giving
6:45pm—8:30pm: Carols on the Green

PARKLANDS CHRISTMAS APPEAL- Christmas is a time when we celebrate God’s greatest gift to humanity, Jesus. To celebrate this precious gift, we want to give to those in our local community who are in need. Join us on 4th November with your Parklands Hamper Bag containing your choice of non-perishable items below.

- Every family will receive a Parklands Hamper Bag late Term 3 or early Term 4. Please Note: If you are unable to attend the carols, please drop your hamper bag (with or without groceries) into Student Services.

- Biscuits/crackers
- Christmas Cake
- Assorted pkts jelly
- Pasta & pasta sauce
- Cupcake/cake kits
- Pillows
- UHT milk/custard
- Sauces
- Gravy Mix
- Cereals
- Tea/Coffee/Milo Soap
- Orange juice/soft drink
- Salad dressing
- Pancake mix
- Noodles
- Tinned vegetables
- Unisex Nappies
- Small Gifts (kids)
- Bon Bons
- Lollies
- Chutneys/relish
- Mixed Nuts
- Taco Kits
Notices

How to order your
Extra-curricular and Sporting Group Photos for
Parklands Christian College

On Thursday 6th and Friday 7th October, MSP Photography will be on site to take the extra-curricular and sporting group photos, including a ‘Whole College’ Photo.

These photos are available for purchase through payment envelopes. Personalised payment envelopes listing all the photos your child appeared in will be sent home on approximately the 13th of October. Please read the instructions on these envelopes for your preferred method of payment.

If you wish to purchase a ‘Whole College’ Photo, these payment envelopes will be available from Student Services.

You have until

**Wednesday 26th October, 2016**

to purchase at this price.

Orders placed after this date will incur a $20 late fee (as the images will then be archived).

All orders will be processed after the cut off date advised above, and distributed through the school within approximately 21 days.

If you have any questions or wish to discuss any aspect of your photo day experience with us, please contact our office on 3848 3946 or by email on admin.seq@msp.com.au
You’re invited to our end of term

PRIMARY SPRING DANCE
PREP-6

WHEN: Friday 16th September 2016
WHERE: Library Function Room
TIME: 5:30pm - 8pm
ENTRY FEE: $5 Popper and Packet of chips included (payable on the night)
SAUSAGE SIZZLE: $2.50
COFFEE CLUB VAN WILL BE ON SITE
School Holiday Survivor Camp
27-29 September 2016
Open to boys and girls 8-13 years old. Location: Camp Laurence, Moogerah Dam.
- Activities; fishing in electric powered boats, canoeing, high ropes, archery, open fire cooking, initiatives and team challenges.
- Night Activities
- All meals
- Prizes & Give-a-ways (Every student will receive a “I survived with Sports Tuition” tribal t-shirt)
- Limited places available
- A bus service is also available.

School Holiday Fishing Weekend
30 September - 2 October 2016
Open to the whole family; including grandparents. All children must be accompanied by at least one adult.
Location: Camp Laurence, Moogerah Dam.
- Weekend is fully catered. Moogerah Dam is stocked with Australian bass, Golden Perch, Silver Perch & Mary River Cod.
- Electric powered boats, all fishing equipment and live bait is provided.
- Cabin Accommodation.

For all activities, visit www.sportstuition.com.au and register through the Events section or phone 0403 154 510 for further details.

Monday 5th  Days for Girls Community Sewing
Wednesday 7th  Met West Athletics
Thursday 8th  NetSetGo Program
Monday 12th  Fun with Maths—Grades 4-6
Tuesday 13th  Fun with Maths—Grades 1-3
Wednesday 14th  Grade 11 Leadership Camp
Thursday 15th  Music Excursion QPAC
Friday 16th  Primary Spring Dance
Saturday 17th  SPRING HOLIDAYS

Monday 3rd Oct  Queens Birthday Public Holiday
Tuesday 4th Oct  Term 4 Commences
Summer Uniform

Subject to changes - please check the College Calendar on the College website for more detailed and up to date information on the above.

PARKLANDS OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE
Before School Care  6.30am-8.30am
$15.00 per session
After School Care  3.00pm-6.00pm
$19.00 per session
Vacation Care  6.30am-6.00pm
$50.00 per day

Please phone 3297 0577 during work hours or 0473 681 426 any other time
Notice Board

SCHOOL FEES DUE

Without Direct Debit Form 10th of Month
With Direct Debit Form 17th of Month

PLEASE ENSURE FUNDS ARE IN YOUR ACCOUNT ONE BUSINESS DAY BEFORE THE 17TH OF EACH MONTH.

Our Bank Account details are as follows:
BSB: 034 115
ACCOUNT NUMBER: 169944

TERM DIRECT DEBIT DEDUCTION DATES
17th Feb
17th April
17th July
17th September

NB: Direct Debits that reject from your account due to insufficient funds will incur a $5.00 charge to your invoice and may result in loss of discount for that month.

DISCOUNTS AVAILABLE FOR 2016
Monthly 2% Direct Debit required
Term 5% Direct Debit required
Annual 8%

UNIFORM SHOP HOURS

MONDAY, TUESDAY & THURSDAY
(SCHOOL DAYS ONLY)
8.15am - 9.15am & 2.30pm - 3.45pm

Contact Details:
Shop Phone: 07 3380 4256
Mobile Michelle: 0412 917 299

Second Hand Uniforms available
CASH ONLY

Contact Us

Parklands Accounts/Reception Ph 07 3380 4200
Mr David Baskerville (a/hrs) M 0419 709 938
Miss Jess Grounds (a/hrs) M 0439 167 011
Mr Grant Jakins (a/hrs) M 0400 221 365
Mrs Rebecca Wallis (a/hrs) M 0449 027 225
Mr Colin Elvery (a/hrs) M 0488 200 799

Student Services Ph 07 3380 4237
RTC Ph 07 3380 4219

Student Absentee Hotline
07 3380 4250 (24 hrs)

Fax: 07 3802 0711
Web: www.parklands.qld.edu.au
Email: admin@parklands.qld.edu.au
Address: 11 Hillcrest Road,
Park Ridge, QLD 4125

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2016 TERM DATES

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Schools Building Fund
The school recommends a donation of $250 per family per year to assist the school with its ongoing building program.

All donations are tax deductible.
PARKLANDS CHRISTIAN COLLEGE BUILDING FUND
BSB: 034 115  ACCOUNT NO: 191113

SCHOOL FEES DUE