

FAITH / INDUSTRIE 1 HIP HOP / AEROBICS DANCE TEAMS

Our Faith Sports Aerobics and Hip Hop Dance Teams both competed at the Sleeman Sports Complex at Chandler in the National Championships. Both teams were amazing and competed against groups that have been together for much longer than the 6 months of our teams! Well done to our students, we are super proud of your efforts!



CAITLIN EDWARDS' SUCCESS

Caitlin came second in Kata and second in Kumite (fighting) in the 10th Shito-Ryu Do International Taikai Karate Competition in San Francisco.

Caitlin received these words of encouragement from John Bartholomay 8th Dan Hanshi Seito Shito-Ryu Karate Do, "In recognition for our participation in our 10th Shito-Ryu Karate Do International Taikai 2015 held in San Francisco USA, I would like to congratulate you on your accomplishment of winning two Silver Medals in both Girls 14years – 15years Advanced Kata and Advanced Kumite Divisions. We acknowledge that to compete at this level you dedicated many hours of hard and relentless training to achieve this endeavour. Winning at this level comes from skill and not luck; rather, from true perseverance to continually improving yourself. The true competition is not against an opponent, but against the inward struggles and how you overcome them. This is a lifelong lesson that goes way beyond the competition ring; this is the essence of Karate Do.

You and your Redlands Karate Dojo members, who attended, all demonstrated exceptional skill level in the seminars and the completion. It was a sincere pleasure to have you at our event and we would like to express our gratitude for your participation."



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FAITH GOES GREEN

Year 2 students at Faith Lutheran College had a great time and learnt about taking care of plants and the importance of trees in our environment and the benefit to our wildlife. The Junior School students participated in the National Tree Planting Day. Over 160 trees were planted in a specially designed garden with the assistance of Bunnings – Victoria Point, Nuway Landscaping Supplies and Redlands City Council – Indigiscapes Centre.



Year 2 students, Emmanuel Quinn and Tegan O'Neill with the crew from Bunnings Victoria Point, Cr Lance Hewlett, Mrs Eloise Beveridge Head of Faith Junior School and Penny Whitehouse, Indigiscape were part of the tree planting experience.

WELCOME TO GUESTS FROM JAPAN

This term we were happy to welcome students and staff from our sister school Ichihara Chuo High School and also from Ichihara Chuo ACU. We had a one day visit from a group of older students and a group of homestay students arrive for their 10 day visit. We had wonderful experiences from this cultural exchange.

Mrs Susanne Cook said, "When the request came out to host a Japanese student, I initially thought, "I'm just too busy". After remembering how great the experience was the previous year, we said, "Yes", and I am so glad we did! Yes, it's an extra plate/ lunch you need to make for that time, plus a little extra washing, but really that's no big deal.

It's the kind of experience where you end up getting more out of it than you think and there are always unknown delights. For my children to have the experience to not only have-a-go at conversing in a different language, but to spend time with another child from a different culture is an amazing experience. During the weekend we went out on the bay with canoes and SUP's and enjoyed paddling around. The look and laughter from our student Yuki was a wonderful way to finish the week. If you haven't done it before, and are able to, I highly recommend it and will see you there, because we are so doing it again!"



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'MY FUTURE' CAREER DINNER

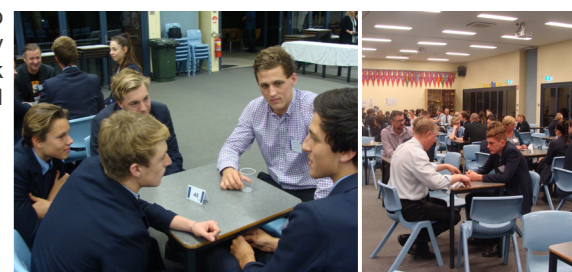
Each year Faith holds the 'My Future' Career Dinner. This dinner gives Year 10 and 11 students the opportunity to nominated three occupations they wish to investigate further.

Every year we have an amazing array of professionals from doctors, lawyers, plumbers, engineers, photographers, nurses, pilots, environmental specialists, sports specialists, graphic designers, the Defence Forces, beauticians, journalists, police officers, chefs, teachers customer service and so many

more. This year we had the greatest number of professionals so far. We are getting more alumni coming back to share their journey with current students.

Chef, Brendon Ward said, "This is an outstanding event for a school to host. The students I have spoken to tonight have seized this opportunity and obviously taken the time to think about what they wanted to learn. I congratulate them."

Thank you to all of our guests.



GIFTED AND TALENTED AT FAITH

What does the term 'Gifted and Talented' mean? It is often considered that the students in this area are a homogenous population themselves; however, gifts and talents correspond to distinct types of abilities. These natural abilities can be divided into four aptitude domains of either, intellectual, creative, social or physical. Everyone possesses some form of ability in each domain but it is those whose ability level largely exceeds most of their peers that are considered "gifted". With this in mind, gifted and talented students are encouraged to stay with their peer groups to allow them to develop their other domains effectively. At Faith, students are catered for within the classroom with multi-level activities and programs developed for pupils in order to develop and improve their skills, whilst enhancing their inherent motivation to learn. By stimulating their interests and creating a climate that promotes achievement, students are encouraged to accept and value their gifts.

Provision for gifted pupils is integrated into an appropriate learning environment and an enriched curriculum giving the gifted and talented students opportunity to demonstrate and develop their talents. Opportunity is also provided through extracurricular activities and clubs providing some more in depth explorations of subjects. Special experiences are also provided throughout the year where students are able to extend and challenge themselves.

SERVICE LEARNING - LOVE IN ACTION

Staff and students from Faith Lutheran College Senior School travelled to Hope Vale aboriginal community, 50 km north of Cooktown. We were welcomed into the Hope Vale community as guests of Pastor David Spanagel and his wife Pam. There were so many great opportunities to learn from local people in this area and we were fortunate to not only be able to serve the community through holiday programs with school children but also to sit and talk with elders to learn more about the aboriginal culture. A special person we met and talked with was Willie Gordon. Willie runs Guurrbi Tours taking people to rock art site where his father and grandfather were born on land near Hope Vale. During our tour Willie explained the use of rock art to tell stories about families, laws, seasonal food sources, survival and spirituality. Students also had the opportunity to share a devotion on the local radio station, join in community events and visit significant aboriginal landmarks.

The opportunity for students from Faith Lutheran College to participate in this tour is part of a broader Service Learning program focused on exposing students to the needs of others, broadening their world view, seeking justice for all and valuing the dignity of all. Service at Faith is about using God given gifts to make a difference in the lives of others.



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NASH MOORES' SUCCESS

Alumni, Nash Moores is in the second semester of his Diploma of Music. This is an excellent achievement as 17 years was the minimum age requirement. Nash took the opportunity and sent in a music portfolio and auditioned and was accepted at age 16.

TOURNAMENT OF MINDS

Tournament of Minds is an Australia wide program designed to encourage students to develop their co-operative problem solving skills, and their creative and critical thinking. It is a problem solving program for teams of students across the Primary Grades. Teams are required to solve two demanding, open-ended challenges. Both are presented on Tournament Day.

This year, two teams of seven students from Faith Junior School chose to work together over a five week period, to solve a Maths Engineering Challenge. 'Spooky Action at a Distance', required the students to build a vehicle that rolled and could be steered, to transport a cargo along a specific path to its destination using only 'nearly invisible' rods and lines with appropriate attachments. The teams were required to present a dramatic performance of the solution to their chosen challenge, within a ten minute time frame, in a 3X3 metre square, using only props, costumes or materials from a given list.

On Tournament Day the teams also solved an unseen Spontaneous Challenge. Only the judges were permitted to view this presentation- no spectators, facilitators or parents were allowed.

Team Navy, Andrew Pollard, Nicholas Bray, Harrison Morrisby, Daniel Russell, Ben Craddock and Brooke Dunford, along with Team Gold, Peter Idriss, Stuart Annand, Dominic Duval, Kye Quevauvilliers, Charlee Webber, Damon Camp and Taylah Purdy, took on the challenge and presented great solutions to the problem. They developed excellent team-work skills, cooperated, took risks, were creative and divergent in their thinking. The judges commended the teams on their ability to work together and support each other.



CREATIVE ACADEMIC WORK



Year 11 Art students using recycled materials to represent special and personal meaning in their lives.

Congratulations for the beautiful pieces that were produced.

CHESS INVITATIONAL

Seven of our students entered the Chess Invitational competition. This was an open competition for Junior School students of all levels including Year 7 students. The parents registered their excited children and the first game was underway by 5:00pm.

Hannah Pratsch (3G) and Zachary Simpson (3W) entered the beginners division. Together they accrued 7 points in their 5 rounds allowing Faith an overall position of 3rd in that division. Well done Hannah and Zachary!

In the Novice division Faith came 2nd, only beaten by a very small margin. In the 6 rounds played in the Novice division, Nathan Armstrong (5G) and Aidan Nel (5G) both won 5 games. Jasdeep Renny (5W) won 4 of his games and both Oliver Shannon (6G) and Ejay Turk (6N) won 3 games and drew one. We are so proud of our novice players particularly the Year 5 students who played so well after their gruelling excursion that day.

We look forward to next year's Invitational Challenge.

Glenda des David



Many thanks to our Mental Health Officers, our Counsellor, Craig Thomas and Dean of Students, Tony Longmire, for their coordination of our R U OK? Day.

The purpose of this day was to increase awareness of being more tuned in to others' actions and state of mind, so that we can offer support and a listening ear when needed. Certainly the values of compassion, love, appreciation, humility and hope are demonstrated as we encouraged others and stop to ask, 'R U OK?' Students and staff wore yellow accessories and R U OK? merchandise to commemorate the day and to raise funds for mental health awareness. Well done and thanks to our Senior School Mental Health Officers!



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ENCOUNTER DAY PROGRAM

It was exciting to welcome to our campus, our Year 4,5,6 and new students to the Middle School for our annual 'Encounter Day' Program. Our program was one that embraced a range of activities including Visual Art, Physical Theatre, Instrumental Music and Maths Games. The students took on the challenges of new experiences and worked so well with our Middle School leaders and teachers.

It was a pleasure to be able to give them a taste of what life and learning is like in the Middle School. Thank you to our Middle School leaders who embraced the opportunity to lead and assist our Junior School groups over the 2 day program.



ROBOTICS AT FAITH

Students in the Middle and Senior Schools have the opportunity to learn about robotics in our Faith Robotics Club. The goal of the club is to expose the students to the hardware and software of elementary robotics. The first of these projects, and the major focus for 2015 is the whiteboard robotic clock.

View this link to see for yourself.
<https://www.youtube.com/embed/4QgeQAIsmM8>



SENIOR BALLETT WIN

Chelsea Eiszele from Year 10 travelled to Melbourne to compete in the Australian Teachers of Dance (ATOD) Senior Ballet Scholarships competition.

Chelsea qualified for this competition as she won the state level competition a few months ago. She has worked hard juggling school work and many hours of ballet practise, and her hard work paid off with a win in Melbourne. Well done Chelsea!



STATE HONOURS ENSEMBLE PROGRAM (SHEP)

SHEP has the reputation of bringing the best conductors from around the world to work with Queensland's top instrumental and vocal students. The guest conductors for the 2015 Program are some of the most internationally recognised conductors, clinicians, adjudicators and musical directors in the world today.

Three Faith students were offered to participate in the Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University State Honours Ensemble Program Queensland 2015:



Jessica Craddock
Year 7
Violin



Melissa Wain
Year 9
Violin



Shelby Forbes
Year 12
Voice Soprano

The hours of work and dedication these students have put in to reach this high standard is a credit to them.

Grand Finale Concerts:

Five Grand Finale Concerts will take place in the Queensland Conservatorium Theatre on Sunday, 4 October 2015 at 10am, 12pm, 2pm, 4pm and 7pm.

MENTORING PROGRAM MOVING FORWARD

Senior School students regularly meet and share time to support a group of Middle School students through our Mentoring Program. These meetings are an opportunity for Middle School students to speak and learn from their older peers. This helps as they move forward in their studies and College life.

