



## *Farewell Mr Keeler*

I had a meeting last week with Mr Tim Keeler, our well known and much loved long-time staff member here at Faith Lutheran College, Redlands. Mr Keeler has been on Long Service Leave since about half way through Term 3 this year and I had called him in to talk about his role in the College moving forward.

Tim started at FLCR in 2004 as a Year 4 Teacher and within a few years had become the Deputy Head of Junior School. Folks may not know that his service to Lutheran Schools goes back much further than that. Previously, Mr Keeler had served as Principal at St Stephen's Lutheran College in Gladstone, as the Head of Concordia Lutheran Primary School in Toowoomba and as a teacher and leader at Good Shepherd Lutheran School in Hamilton, Victoria prior to that. I am sure that I have forgotten at least one or more of his Lutheran school connections, but the point remains, he has a long and distinguished career in service of many communities around Australia. He has been a faithful steward of the gifts and abilities that God has bestowed upon him.



But Tim is greater than his professional career, like all of us he has waters that flow much deeper. Tim has been for a long time, and is still, an active Rotarian. The sheer volume of effort that he puts into his voluntary work has, once again, been a great blessing to so many people across so many communities. Drought affected farmers, students travelling overseas, community support grants and the like have all benefitted from Mr Keeler's boundless work ethic and remarkable energy that he brings to everything he does with the Rotary Group.

But the man doesn't stop there. Tim is a proud father of 3 grown children. With twin girls and a son, he has been a family man for many years. His love of his children is obvious and he speaks with affection about each when he gets the opportunity to share. He is married to Gayle and together they are renovating a lovely old home in the scenic rim. On top of all of his professional endeavours and voluntary work Tim remains a dedicated, busy and loving family man.

I could go on to talk about Tim's sense of humour, his infectious smile, the engaging way he draws you into his stories and the endless anecdotes he has to share of a life so full, so rich and so remarkable, but I only have one page.

So, last week I met with Tim to discuss his role in the College moving forward. Tim moved into the role of Operations Manager last year in support of the changes that the College was going through with its Business Office at the time, a role that he took to with relish. Sadly, with the ongoing changes in our College, and the subsequent changes to our operations, that role is no longer needed. Ultimately the fruits of our discussion were that Mr Keeler will finish up his service at Faith Lutheran College, Redlands this year. But the story doesn't stop there.

Tim was due to come back to work from leave in December this year. This would have given our community an opportunity to say farewell, to honour his great endeavour and effort and to wish him well as he moves into the next chapter of his remarkable story. But he said, "no". And that is the mark of the man. Tim chose not to return to work in December this year, to slip quietly into the next part of his life so as not to have a fuss made about him. Tim's great concern was the community of Faith Lutheran College, Redlands, his thought was once more, like his voluntary work and family life, not about himself but about the people he serves. About the people he loves.

So, going against his wishes, but with the best of intentions, I write these words. I honour the service of Tim Keeler to this community, I recognize him as a great part of the life of this place and I thank God for the faithful service of a good man. His departure is part of the changing fabric of our College, his legacy will forever be written in the folklore of our school. Faith Lutheran College, Redlands will be another chapter in the remarkable life of a great man. Well done, good and faithful servant.

*Shane Altmann*  
Principal

## SECONDARY SCHOOL

2018 has been a ground breaking year in the Secondary School. We've launched our ATAR subjects for 2019, restructured our Elective Subjects in Year 7 – 10, had several opportunities for parents to come and view learning through exhibitions of work, had students engage in a variety of Project Based Learning units, merged our sub-school award nights to one Year 7 - 12 evening, graduated our first Diploma of Business students, had our first students go on a Japanese Exchange....the list of exciting things happening across Year 7 -12 could go on and on.

The reason we are constantly striving to improve our school and why our teachers go above and beyond to initiate these opportunities is to 'create an energised learning community at Faith'. Put simply, Faith is an exciting place to be!

I look forward to continuing this journey with families, students and staff in 2019!

**FAITH CELEBRATES** - Our inaugural P-12 event is being held at the Junior School SPAH from 7:00pm this Thursday. Secondary students are expected to attend in their school uniform. If they could arrive at 6:45pm for a 7:00pm start. Award winners need to wear their formal winter uniform including the blazer.

**JAPANESE EXCHANGE** - Year 11 students Bailee Brazil and Winona Dougan are currently immersed in Japanese culture as they have taken a leap of faith and become our first students to complete a 2 month stay in Japan through a student exchange program we have with our Japanese sister school Ichihara. We wish them every blessing on this journey and cannot wait to hear about it upon their return at the start of 2019.



**FINAL WEEK ACTIVITIES** - Year 10 and 11 student information has been emailed to families detailing final day activities for them this Friday. Year 7 – 9 families will be sent an email soon that provides information about the exciting program we have in place for their child's final week.

I wish all our families, students and staff a restful break and look forward to seeing everyone in January.

*Stuart Needham*  
Head of Secondary School

## COLLEGE DATE CLAIMERS

Thursday, 29 November	Faith Celebrates P - 12
Friday, 30 November	Last day of Term 4 for Year 10 and 11 students
Saturday, 1 December	Mt Binga Camp 2 students return
Monday, 3 December	Year 6 Transition Day
	Year 5 Transition Morning
	Year 4 Salford Waters Afternoon Tea
	Junior School End of Year Piano Concert
Wednesday, 5 December	Prep Christmas Concert
	Junior School Christmas Gift Stall
	Junior School Disco
Thursday, 6 December	Last Day of Term 4 for P - Year 9 students
	Junior School End of Year Parties and Free Dress Day
Friday, 14 December	Business and School Offices close
Monday, 14 January	Secondary School, Business and Principal's Offices open
Monday, 21 January	Junior School Office opens
Friday, 25 January	New Year 7 Students - Orientation Day
Monday, 28 January	Australia Day Public Holiday
Tuesday, 29 January	Term 1 commences Year 1 - 12 Students
	Prep Teacher Interviews
Wednesday, 30 January	Prep Teacher Interviews
Thursday, 31 January	Prep Students commence Term 1

## JUNIOR SCHOOL

**FAITH CAROLS** – What a fabulous night had by all! Thank you to all of our families who came along and joined in the festive fun!

**END OF YEAR EVENTS** - As we approach our final week of the school year please see below for an overview of our events:

**COLLEGE CELEBRATION OF LEARNING** – Thursday, 29 November, 7:00pm. Our P-12 College Celebration including student awards and transition celebration for all members of our community. All students are to attend in full formal uniform. Students will be seated with teachers in year level groups and collected by parents at the end. We look forward to this exciting time to celebrate our College. NB. Please note there will be no regular Junior School Worship this week as we set up and prepare for this evening event.



**JUNIOR SCHOOL ASSEMBLY** – Friday, 30 November. This Friday is our last regular Junior School Assembly for 2018.

**BOOK PACKING** – Friday, 30 November, Tuesday, 4 December. Volunteers to help pack student book packs are most welcome, come along for an hour or a day, it is up to you! Sign up using the following link: <https://www.volunteersignup.org/3FY48>

**CHRISTMAS GIFT STALL** – Wednesday, 5 December. All students will have time to visit the P&FA Christmas Gift Stall to purchase gifts for their family and friends. Volunteers to help serve the children are needed, as with book packing, come along for an hour or the day.....any time you can spare is most appreciated. Please use this link to sign up - <https://www.volunteersignup.org/TDERX>

**PREP CHRISTMAS CONCERT** – Wednesday, 5 December for Prep parents only. Our students in Year 1 - 6 will have an opportunity to have a prior sneak peak of the performance and as such the concert on Wednesday is not for siblings to attend but a special time for Preppies and their parents.

**JUNIOR SCHOOL DISCO** – Wednesday, 5 December from 6:00pm - 7:00pm will be our end of year Student Council Disco for all students in Prep – Year 6. Tickets will be \$5 and the theme will be 'Christmas'. Please join us in the SPAH.

**BREAK UP PARTY DAY** – Thursday, 6 December. Each year level will provide specific details regarding their party including requirements and times. All students are invited to wear plain clothes to school on the day. All classes will join together at 2pm in the SPAH for a Praise Worship service to close the year through song. Parents are most welcome to join us for these end of year celebrations.

**THANK YOU** – as we prepare to finish our year, I would like to take this opportunity to thank our incredible staff at Faith. A team who wake up each day to make a difference in the lives of your children! A special mention to my 'partner in crime', Mr Greg Tagney. I have been blessed in my time at Faith to work alongside Mr Tagney, an incredibly professional and caring man. I would also like to acknowledge the amazing ladies in the Office; Gail, Caralyn and Leanne. Thank you for the adventures that we have had as an Administration Team at Faith! Our teachers, assistants and non-teaching staff, all people with a heart to serve in our school. I will be forever grateful for the staff team that our College is blessed with!



May our staff, students and families all have a restful and relaxing break! I pray that you continue to be filled with God's love and each of our students continue to 'find their treasure' in the lives that lay ahead of them.

*Jesus Is the Reason for the Season!  
Eloise Beveridge and Greg Tagney*

## OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

It's almost the end of the school year which means time to get Vacation Care bookings in! You can book via the app, with the link below or you can come in and get some old school paper forms from OSHC.

Vacation Care Bookings: <https://faithoshc.wufoo.com/forms/faith-oshc-christmas-201819-vacation-care/>

Please make sure you finalise your account before Vacation Care begins. No bookings will be accepted until accounts are paid.

From Mrs Anderson, Mrs Brown, Mrs Sells, Miss Hayley, Mrs Jones, Mr Moo, Mrs Noci, Mrs Thomas, Mr Gav and myself, we wish you a blessed Christmas and a safe and Happy New Year full of love, laughter and family.



JUNIOR SCHOOL 5C AWARDS	
<b>CARE</b>	Mikayla Walker (2W), Archer Richards (3G), Cooper Baxter-Andrews (3G)
<b>CONSIDERATION</b>	Mathilde Ross (2W), Cooper Baxter-Andrews (3G)
<b>COMMITMENT</b>	
<b>COMMONSENSE</b>	Joshua Wyllie-Smith (1G), Byron Maher (3G), Jayla Thirkettle (4W), Madeline Lobsey (6N)
<b>COURTESY</b>	Ava Pocock (4W), Roel Wheeley (5G)

JUNIOR SCHOOL CLASS AWARDS			
<b>PN</b>	Nicholas Jackson, Jessica Swan, Evie Mayne, Marli Teunis	<b>4N</b>	Skye Drohan, Mia Horn, Lucas Cordeiro, Imogen McDonald
<b>PW</b>	Nate Barker, Arianna Churchward, Hope Forshaw, Aaron Forshaw	<b>4W</b>	Brianna Thomas, Oliver Thiganoff, Coby Lucas, Ava Pocock
<b>1N</b>	Alivia Imber, Lewis Morrisby, Ryan Dobbie, Jessica England, Harry Dodd	<b>4G</b>	Tia Richards, Harry Crowther, Macey Maloney, Noah McGinn
<b>1G</b>	Joshua Wyllie-Smith, Hope McDonald, Kaleb Morris, Georgina Knijff	<b>5N</b>	Kasey Ball, Billie Milner, Emmanuel Quin, Lincoln Davis
<b>2N</b>	Lauren Hirst, Ethan Godfrey, Lily Kenny, Daniel Bickell	<b>5W</b>	Victoria Knijff, Tommy Lou, Nicholas Koperberg, Kingston Brown
<b>2W</b>	Stella Eberhard, Mathilde Ross, Evy Hollywood, Liam Harley	<b>5G</b>	Daniel Altmann, Jye Jones, Brandon McMillan, Luke Varpins, Sienna Hill
<b>2G</b>	Tiana Pospisil, Lana Burow, Tyler Romari, Chloe O'Donnell, Mary Crowther	<b>6N</b>	Zackary Bounden, Koby Harris, Katelyn White, Callum Goldfinch
<b>3N</b>	Alex Sumer, Sarah Ladlow, Christopher Blockley, Adelaide Knijff	<b>6W</b>	Peter Idriss, Marley Coleman, Jonathon Culley, Mya Komarasu, Mitchell Anderson, Joey Helmrich
<b>3W</b>	Charlotte Lavery, Amelia Bausch, Josia Kaiser, Paige Jocusen	<b>6G</b>	Matilda Eberhard, Mitchell Burchard, Henno Muller, Jude Egginton, Lachlan Bastow
<b>3G</b>	Sophie Grant, Brendon Fringer, Lorelai Bradic, Byron Maher		

## MUSIC NEWS

### WHAT'S HAPPENING NEXT...?

Thursday, 29 November      'Faith Celebrates' – Dolce Strings, JS Percussion Ensemble, Senior Singers and Voices of Faith.

Monday, 3 December        Junior Piano Concert 6:00pm

### PRIMARY STATE HONOURS ENSEMBLE PROGRAM

Last weekend 8 students from Faith participated with 760 Primary School Musicians to attend the inaugural SHEP Primary at Queensland Conservatorium Griffith University.

Students were selected from over 1900 nominated students, for an intensive 2 days of music-making, culminating into four Grand Finale Concerts.

Presented by Open Conservatorium, SHEP Primary gives participating students the unique opportunity to collaborate with a team of ten eminent conductors.

Students from 128 South-East Queensland Schools attended this prestigious program.

Congratulations to Max Butler, Eliza Daffy, Hannah Pratsch, Talia Van Aken, Victoria Knijff, Charlotte Boyce, Amelia Pratsch and Macey Maloney.

### ANZCA PIANO EXAM RESULTS

Congratulations to the following students who completed their ANZCA piano exams last week.

Macey Maloney - Preparatory Piano Honours

Talia Van Aken - Preliminary Modern Piano First Class Honours

Tabytha Lee-Wilson - Grade One Piano Performance Honours

Zoe Altmann - Grade Four Piano Performance Honours

Laminta Brengman-Harvey - Grade Five Piano Performance Credit

Alastair Gray - Grade Five Piano Performance Credit

Caitlenn Alsop - Grade Five Piano Performance Honours



### 2018 END OF YEAR

**Instrumental lessons will conclude Friday, 30 November – Tuesday, 4 December.**

- Please ensure that any hired school instruments are returned to the College at your final lesson.
- All ensemble music and school resources also need to be returned at your final lesson.
- Please ensure personal instruments, books and equipment are taken home on the day of your last lesson.

Should you wish to withdraw from the instrumental music program, **written notice of withdrawal** must be received by the Head of Extra Curricular Music P-12 [Jacinta.Altmann@fclr.qld.edu.au](mailto:Jacinta.Altmann@fclr.qld.edu.au).

### NEW INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC ENROLMENTS 2019

The instrumental music program at Faith is open to students from Year 2 - 12. Online Enrolment forms for 2019 are now available. Existing and new students are asked to fill in the form via the link below:

<https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage>.

Students from Year 2 can begin lessons in piano, percussion, guitar or strings. Voice lessons start from Year 3 and Brass and Woodwind instruments from Year 4. New next year, students in Year 3 can undertake an introduction to Brass and Woodwind in a group lesson format with our funky P bones, Trumpets and Fifes.

For more information regarding enrolments into Instrumental Music please contact the Head of Extra Curricular Music P-12 [Jacinta.Altmann@fclr.qld.edu.au](mailto:Jacinta.Altmann@fclr.qld.edu.au)

## SPORTS NEWS

This week we wrap up all our JTAS & GBC Sports training for 2018. At this time, we would like to extend a massive thank you and congratulations to all our students and families who involved themselves in the Co-Curricular Sports Program. Special mention and congratulations to all our students who received Sports Awards during Term 4. 2019 is looking bright for Faith in the JTAS and GBC Sport Associations. Recent 2019 Term 1 GBC Sport nominations undertaken by our students indicates we will be fielding teams across all age groups and sports, this is exciting times. In 2019 we will continue to build on the training schedule provided to our students with professional coaching, and we look forward to working with local sporting communities to offer further sporting prospects.

These are exciting developments for Sport at Faith and we can't wait for 2019!

## TENNIS OPPORTUNITIES

Over the holidays Bayside Tennis Coaching is offering a Christmas 3 day training clinic – this would be a great opportunity for our students to continue with their training over the break.

### CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY CLINIC

We will be running a Junior Tennis Holiday Clinic on Monday 17, Tuesday 18, and Wednesday 19 December from 9:00am until 12:00pm; the cost is \$100.00 for all three days. All ability levels are welcome - from beginners to tournament level players. Come along for three great days of fun, games and prizes!! Please contact Mr Tim Low, if you are interested in this holiday clinic.

Bayside Tennis Coaching  
0408 722 620  
[baysidetenniscoaching@gmail.com](mailto:baysidetenniscoaching@gmail.com)

## 2019 GBC SPORT

Training for all teams will commence during the first week back at school. On Saturday, 2 February an extended training session for all sports and teams will be held. The training session schedule will be provided to students and families in 2019.

Further sport information will be made available at the beginning of next year.

## COLLEGE SHOP

Please note some important dates and times for our back to school trading and normal trading hours for the College Shop in 2019.

DATE 2019	OPENING HOURS
Wednesday, 16 January	11:00am - 4:00pm
Thursday, 17 January	9:00am - 2:00pm
Friday, 18 January	11:00am - 4:00pm
Monday, 21 January	CLOSED
Tuesday, 22 January	11:00am - 4:00pm
Wednesday, 23 January	9:00am - 2:00pm
Thursday, 24 January	11:00am - 4:00pm
Friday, 25 January	9:00am - 2:00pm
Monday, 28 January	CLOSED PUBLIC HOLIDAY
Tuesday, 29 January	7:45am - 10:15am
Wednesday, 30 January	7:45am - 10:15am
Thursday, 1 February	CLOSED
Friday, 2 February	7:45am - 10:15am
Saturday, 3 February	8:30am - 11:00am



### Regular Trading hours (Term Time)

Monday 7:45am - 10:15am  
Wednesday 7:45am - 10:15am  
Friday 7:45am - 10:15am  
Saturday (1st Sat of the Month) 8:30am - 11:00am

Please be aware that our current online **Quickcliq** ordering system will **cease on Thursday, 29 November 2018**. A new online ordering system will replace it in 2019, full details to be advised soon. The shop is **open for business on Saturday, 1 December 2018 between 8:30am – 11:00am**. The shop will then be closed for the remainder of the year and will **reopen on Wednesday, 16 January 2019 at 11:00am** to begin our Back to School trading.

It has been a pleasure serving the community this year, may you all enjoy a wonderful Christmas and safe and happy new year.

*Best wishes Sue.*