



Don't Blame the Dog

I was asked this week to speak at an upcoming function for retired Lutheran School Principals. Now I am going to tell you that I am a bit excited about it. Over the years I have had to speak at many functions as part of my role as principal or leader variously. Usually graduations and formal balls. It is a part of my work that I enjoy, I don't like being in the spotlight per se and will always push someone else in front when I can during the working week, I've never been particularly comfortable with the 'celebrity' that comes with being the boss, some people revel in it, I am a bit more laid back I suppose.

But public speaking I love. I love having the opportunity to share a message or a thought, I suppose it is not the speaking I love but that chance to use the space to make people think, or to surprise them with a bit of a twist of words or ideas. I have sat through so many speeches over decades that I know what makes a bad one, so I try to say something worth hearing out of respect for the (often forced) assembled masses. I enjoy writing these newsletter covers for the same reason.

Anyway, as mentioned, I have been asked to speak at a function that is not part of my role as principal. I am, for the first time and for no reason in particular, a guest speaker. A guest speaker! You know you have landed when you are listed as the guest speaker. Today a room full of mildly sodden retired principals, tomorrow the United Nations!



Upon accepting this most prestigious of speaking engagements I was then asked what the title of my presentation would be so that it could be put on the invite. Shivers, that's another thing altogether. What was I going to speak about? I do have a repertoire of speeches that I have used over the years, some with controversial titles such as People Are Stupid, and others with a much more academic twist such as I delivered to our Graduating Year 12's last year, *Esse Quam Videri*. I thought about these and others but chose instead to roll with an idea that has been bubbling in my head for a while now, the title of this piece, *Don't Blame the Dog!*

The thought comes from a moment I shared with my Dad many years ago while I was still living at home with my parents, I was probably about 16 or 17. We were visiting friends who had a rather nutty and out of control dog. It would jump up on people, bark all the time, not follow instructions, wouldn't come when called or go when directed and so on. It was just nuts. I made a comment to my dad something like, 'Man, that dog is nuts!'. To which he replied almost Wayne Bennet like, 'Don't blame the dog!' and left the statement hanging.

My mind filled with a million questions and I looked at him hoping for a bit more. He said simply, 'If someone has a stupid dog, it's not the dog's fault, the fault lays with the person who has not trained the dog.'

Man, that is a lesson for life isn't it! How often do we look at the *result* of someone else's negligence or mistakes, or lack of application and 'blame the dog'. I am not trying to be controversial here but think about things like homelessness, inequality in our country, boat people, housing prices, violence, drink driving, fuel prices, global warming, NAPLAN, Fortnite! I could go on. More than anyone, my Dad's words level a pretty shiny mirror right back at me and have now for decades. I love and loathe them at the same time.

Thankfully we are served by a God of Love. Thankfully I don't need to carry the weight of my own hopelessness and judgemental thoughts. When I look to Christ crucified, to Jesus hanging on the cross I hear those words ringing I my ears again.

Don't blame the dog.

Shane Altmann
Principal

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SECONDARY SCHOOL

As I write this our Year 12 OP eligible students are sitting their first day of QCS testing. This series of external examinations goes towards determining their Overall Position (OP) at the end of the year. Our students have been preparing for this for nearly two years and have confidently taken on the challenge to do their best.

Watching our young people prepare for this has made me reflect on what is actually important in schools. Is it drilling students to get them ready for these point in time tests or is it giving them the skills, values and inherent qualities to do their best not only at school but beyond school. At Faith I believe we do the latter. We provide our students with appropriate pathways, we nurture them, we help them become more independent, we build their resilience and most of all we try to provide a caring, safe environment where they can work hard to reach their potential.

At our staff meeting this week we did an activity that builds on this idea of preparing our students for the future. Staff from P-12 worked on identifying the qualities that every student that leaves Faith should have. The lists they created are amazing and I look forward to sharing these with the wider community soon.

We have something special happening at Faith and I thank our parents, staff and students for their efforts across a variety of areas.



CO-CURRICULAR PHOTOS - Our Co-Curricular photos will be taken later this term. Information will be sent to all students involved. This doesn't include music ensembles as they were photographed in Term 2.

GBC FINALS

We have a few teams that look like they will make finals. We wish them the best of luck over the next few weeks of sport and thank all parents and students for their efforts this term.

UNIFORM

Thank you to the students and parents for their ongoing support of uniforms. We remain in our winter uniform until Term 4.

Stuart Needham
Head of Secondary School

JUNIOR SCHOOL

MUSICAL – Don't leave it too late to buy tickets. Tickets can only be bought online using the link <https://www.trybooking.com/book/event?eid=411232>

We cannot wait to see such a wonderful production and thank our amazingly talented cast and crew for their efforts!

ICAS RESULTS – Congratulations to the following students on their amazing achievements in the ICAS **Writing Competitions:**

Distinction: Lucas Bird, Max Butler, Ava Coleman, Sophie Grant, Lyla Hollywood, Peter Idriss, Reina Zordan

Credit: Charlotte Boyce, Grace Hagley, Imogen McDonald, Billie Milner, Ava Pocock, Maddison Sturgess, Caitlin Uhlmann, Hayden Uhlmann, Alex Wong

Merit: Storm Lees

Certificates will be presented during Assembly on Friday, 14 September.

ASSEMBLY – Please note that due to the Musical next weekend and the SPAH being fully set up there will be **no Assembly on Friday, 7 August**. We hope to see as many families as possible at the Musical.

BOOK WEEK – Thank you to our families who ordered a sausage sizzle for Book Week and to our amazing parents who cooked over 500 sausages that day! We are very excited to announce that we have made a donation on \$1034 to the St Vincent Drought Appeal on behalf of our students at Faith.

TERM 3 PARENT TEACHER INTERVIEWS – Bookings are now open. Please contact the Office if you are having any difficulties accessing Parent Lounge to make your appointments. We value the opportunity to meet with the parents of each child to ensure home and school can work together to best support their learning.

DROUGHT ASSISTANCE – Many thanks to our Year 5 staff and students for their work in coordinating a service learning project to assist drought affected families. Last Friday on Assembly our children were able to learn more about the areas affected by drought and the challenges our farmers face. Thank you for supporting these projects if you can.

LEARNING CELEBRATIONS – Each year level is hosting a Learning Celebration this term, a chance for parents to come into school and celebrate the fantastic learning completed this term. We thank you for making the time to share your child's success!



HELP OUR FARMERS!

Throughout Weeks 8 & 9, Year 5 will be fundraising to help our farmers in drought.

| Activity | Day | Cost |
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| 'Guess the lollies in the jar!' Competition | Week 8 Monday-Friday at morning tea and lunch outside of the library. Week 9 Monday and Tuesday only. Winner announced at Friday assembly. | \$1 per guess.  |
| Colouring In Competition (Sent home in the class tray. Spare entries available at the office) | Due Week 9 Wednesday, 12 September. Winners announced at Friday assembly. | Gold coin donation per entry. |
| Bake stall (Cupcakes, cookies, slice) | Week 9 Friday, 14 September at morning tea. | From 50c—\$2. |
| Hot Chocolate stall | Monday, Tuesday, Thursday & Friday morning before school. (8:00-8:20am) | \$2 |



Have a great week!
Eloise Beveridge and Greg Tagney

OUTSIDE SCHOOL HOURS CARE

Vacation Care is only a couple of weeks away and bookings are coming in fast. Get in before the days you want book out! You can book using the app, via the link below or we do have some paper copies at OSHC.

Spring 2018 Vacation Care: <https://faithoshc.wufoo.com/forms/faith-oshc-spring-vacation-care-2018/>

Please note the following change of policy: As of Tuesday, 9 October 2018 all accounts must be paid in full before any Vacation Care bookings can be accepted. This change will take effect to coincide with the 2018 Christmas Vacation Care. If you have any questions, please see Simon.

AWARDS

JUNIOR SCHOOL 5C AWARDS

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| CARE | Jaxon Maloney (PN), Samuel Weber (PN), Bridgette Christensen (PW), Kaleb Morris (1G), Riley Shreeve (1G), Daniel Bickell (2N), Johnny Grogan (2W), Sienna Maloney (2G), Lucas Antonieff (2G), Riley Barker (4W), Jaslyn Weier (4W), Teagen O'Neill (5G), Michael Sumer (5G), Jacob Ladlow (5G), William Thomas (6W) |
| CONSIDERATION | Levi Haydon (3N), Joshua Rodwell (3N), Fynn Hartshorn (3N), Rebecca Annand (3N), Ava Pocock (4W), Jackson Barrow (5G), Roel Wheeley (5G), Haylee Armstrong (6W), Mackenzie Brown (6G) |
| COMMITMENT | Alicia Graham (PN), Mardi Steele (PW), Hope Forshaw (PW), Jay Coleman (3N), Reina Zordan (4N), Charlotte Boyce (4N), Coby Lucas (4W), Baxter Gill (4G), Haylee Armstrong (6W), Heidi Wright-Martin (6G), Giselle Pietrobon (6G), Taylor Bradic (6G) |
| COMMONSENSE | Everleigh McVinish (PN), Nate Thiganoff (1N), Joshua Wyllie-Smith (1G), Hayden Jocumsen (1G), Bradley Knijff (1G), Hunter McEwan (2W), Tyran Thirkettle (2W), Noah Johnson (2W), Nate Zordan (3G), Ava Pocock (4W), Mia Horn (4W), Lily Teunis (4W), Zoe Gardiner (4W), Emma Donaldson (4W), Isobel Daffy (4G), Rainer Young (5N) |
| COURTESY | Jasmine Lavery (PW), Joshua Wyllie-Smith (1G), Jack Joyce (2G), Jacob Ladlow (5G) |

JUNIOR SCHOOL CLASS AWARDS

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| PN | Abbie Ribeiro, Nicholas Jackson, Sofia Diggins | 4N | Cooper Culley, Mia Horn, Skye Drohan, Imogen McDonald, Mia Teunis, Noah Wyllie-Smith |
| PW | Max Bernard, Ebony Shearn, Aaron Forshaw, Mitchell Hill | 4W | Nicholas O'Brien, Cody Antonieff, Joshua Idriss, Jayla Thirkettle |
| 1N | Archie Vanderlei, Mitchell Davis | 4G | Arliah Stein-Edwards, Christian Munro, Matia Fronis, Rachel Adom |
| 1G | Joshua Wyllie-Smith, Georgia Knijff, Matthew Helmrich, Braith Haydon | 5N | Lincoln Davis, Alicia Snyman, Jamie Needham, Tija Kins |
| 2N | Annika Mullens, Sienna Baldacchino, Daniel Bickell | 5W | Flynn Harrington, Victoria Knijff, Bostyn Webber, Jamieson Baxter |
| 2W | Addison Lahiff, Levi McGinn, Cameron Bellman, Stella Eberhard | 5G | Daniel Altmann, Jacob Ribeiro, Kokoda Hennessey, Deanna Turk |
| 2G | Tiana Pospisil, Aaliyah Miles, Lana Burow, Hannah Banfield | 6N | Eliza Daffy, Daniel Russell, Katelyn White, Kaden Richards |
| 3N | Fynn Hartshorn, Levi Haydon, Jay Coleman, Gabby Milner | 6W | Hannah Russell, Shae Rybinski, Evan Taylor, Sophia Ross |
| 3W | Charlotte Lavery, Hayden Cadman, Austin Coetzee, Emily Barclay | 6G | Hayden Oberholzer, Brady Camp, Mackenzie Brown, Taylor Bradic |
| 3G | Lucy Upton, Madisyn Imber, Jordan Arriagada, Ruby-Rose Rigby | | |

COLLEGE DATE CLAIMERS - REMAINDER OF TERM 3

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| Thursday, 6 September | Year 2 Celebration of Learning Junior School - Koala Foundation guest speaker/Koala Count |
| Friday, 7 September | Year 4 - 6 Koala Count |
| Friday, 7 & Saturday, 8 September | Junior School Musical - 'Peter Pan' |
| Friday, 7 to Sunday, 9 September | Redfest Guitar Ensemble and Rock Bands |
| Saturday, 8 September | JTAS Round 7 (Final) GBC Sport - FLCR vs TSAC |
| Monday, 10 September | Year 9 Business Incursion Year 1 Celebration of Learning |
| Tuesday, 11 September | Parent Information Session - Helping Boys |
| Tues, 11 and Thurs, 13 September | Year 6 Parent/Teacher Interviews Junior School Co-curricular photos |
| Wednesday, 12 September | Year 5 Excursion Junior School Principal's Tour |
| Thursday, 13 September | Secondary School Principal's Tour Year 3 and 6 Celebration of Learning |
| Friday, 14 September | JTAS Track & Field Carnival Secondary School Co-curricular photos Year 8 Drama visit to Junior School |
| Saturday, 15 September | GBC Sport - Finals Round |
| Sunday, 16 to Thurs, 20 September | Year 6 NCT Tour |
| Wednesday, 18 September | Chess Invitational |
| Wed 18 and Thurs, 19 September | Prep-Year 5 Parent/Teacher Interviews |
| Wednesday, 19 September | GBC Track and Field Carnival Year 5 Celebration of Learning |
| Thursday, 20 September | RUOK Day |
| Friday, 21 September | Year 2 Dance Fever Showcase ALWS Free Dress Day P - 12 Last Day of Term 3 P - 12 |

MUSIC NEWS

WHAT'S HAPPENING NEXT...?

Thursday, 6 September Peter Pan Final Dress Rehearsal – 3:15-6:00pm SPAH. All Cast and Crew required.
Friday, 7 September Peter Pan Performance – 7:00pm SPAH
Saturday, 8 September Rock Ensemble perform at Redfest – 11:00am
Saturday, 8 September Peter Pan Performance – 2:00pm SPAH
Saturday, 8 September Peter Pan Performance – 7:00pm SPAH

PETER PAN JR - ONLY TO TWO SLEEPS TO GO! DON'T MISS OUT! TICKETS SELLING FAST!!!!

Peter Pan JR. is the story of the boy who wouldn't grow up and the girl who has to. After finding his shadow in the Darling family nursery, Peter teaches Wendy, Michael and John how to fly and sweeps them off to Neverland, where they meet Lost Boys, Mermaids, Indians and, of course, Pirates. If the children are ever to return home, Peter must defeat Captain Hook with the help of Tinker Bell and her fairy friends. Join our cast as we take you to Neverland!

Tickets on sale now <https://www.trybooking.com/411232>

Adults \$15 Children \$8 Group booking 10 tickets @ \$10 each.

Enquiries please email JSMusical@flcr.qld.edu.au



REDFEST 2018

The Faith Rock Band is a dynamic group of musicians from Faith Lutheran College Redlands. Paying homage to Rock's golden era, the group entertain audiences with their heavy guitar riffs and catchy chorus lines. Their repertoire will take you through the archives of rock 'n' roll, playing timeless classics from the 60's till now.

The group is part of the contemporary music program at Faith, where students are given the opportunity to join weekly jam sessions under the mentorship of industry professionals. The Rock Band is performing from 11:00am on the Redland City Bulletin Concert Stage.

SPORTS NEWS

Our JTAS and GBC sports information is available via a number of sites for our community to view – The Parent Lounge, Faith App and the Sports Portal. <https://tass.flcr.qld.edu.au/sportsresults/index.cfm>

GBC SPORT

THANK YOU for your involvement in the GBC Sports Program in Term 3. It has been a great term for Faith, we had 16 teams participating in this program. I truly hope you enjoyed the program and are already considering what sports you want to nominate for in 2019.

This Saturday, 8 September is a BYE for Faith. As this is our last scheduled round, with Finals the following week on Saturday, 15 September, there will be a number of teams who are no longer required to train for Term 3 GBC Sports. These teams have been emailed. The following teams are in contention for the Finals and will continue with training until Saturday, 15 September. Basketball – Seniors and Junior A.

ATHLETIC CARNIVALS

JTAS Athletics Carnival - Friday, 14 September

GBC Athletics Carnival - Wednesday, 19 September

Faith Lutheran College, Redlands will participate in the GBC Track & Field Carnival on Wednesday, 19 September, 2018. Students and families will receive emails of their child's selection in this team – this information will be forthcoming in the next week. All students selected are strongly encouraged to participate at the GBC carnival. If necessary, please start making arrangements regarding academic work so that you can be available for this day.

Date: Wednesday, 19 September

Venue: QSAC, Nathan

Time: Buses depart the College at 7:00am. Students are required to be at the College by no later than 6:45am. Buses will return at approximately 4:30pm following presentations.

Wear: Full College sports uniform. Competition singlets will be provided at the carnival. Students are encouraged to wear their own GBC sport singlet if they have one. All attire worn on the day must be College uniform. Eg – no Adidas/Nike shorts, no hoodies.

Bring: Water bottle, food (or money for canteen), hat, sunscreen

Good luck to all students competing at the GBC Athletics Carnival. We know that you will give your best on the day and we look forward to you representing the College at this event.

CONGRATULATIONS to Lachlan Helmrich and Ryley Bounden on their selection in the Bayside District 13-14yrs Cricket Team.

COMMUNITY NEWS

INSTALLATION OF REDLANDS LUTHERAN CHURCH'S NEW PASTOR

The members of Redlands Lutheran Church, comprising St James, Cleveland and Faith Celebration, Thornlands, cordially invite all staff, students, parents and friends of Faith Lutheran College to join them in celebrating the Installation of their new Pastor, the Rev. Ed Szabo. The details of Pastor Szabo's installation are as follows:

St James Lutheran Church, 31 Waterloo St Cleveland - 2:00pm - Sunday, 16 September 2018.

Afternoon Tea will be served at the conclusion of the service, consequently any contributions of plates of finger food would be gratefully received.

Lynette Lewis - Worship Coordinator lalewis.7@bigpond.com



P&FA We are always looking for more parents/caregivers to join our P&F Association, everyone is invited to attend our meetings.

The dates of our next meetings are:

Monday, 17 September 7:00pm - Beveridge Road Campus

Monday, 22 October 7:00pm - Link Road Campus

Monday, 26 November 7:00pm - Beveridge Road Campus



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CODINGKIDS

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Full day fun at our Holiday Hackafun!

Topic: 3D design, electronics, coding art and graphic design, inventing musical instruments, robotics and much more.

Ages: Junior program for 7-10 year olds
Senior program for 11-15 year olds

When: 9 AM- 4.30 PM
October 4 - October 5 2018
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