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From the Principal

Important Dates

Mon 30th Jan

Term 1 commences - 8.35am

Sat 4th Feb

Staff Dedication - 5.30pm in EPAC

P & F Welcome BBQ - 6.10pm

2017 Term Dates

Term 1

Mon 30th Jan - Thu 13th Apr

Term 2

Tue 2nd May - Fri 7th Jul

Term 3

Wed 26th Jul - Fri 29th Sep

Term 4

Mon 16th Oct - Wed 6th Dec

(Dates subject to change)

Dear Families and Friends

In Luke chapter 24 we read the account of our risen Lord Jesus accompanying two of His followers on their way back home to Emmaus after Jesus' crucifixion. The name of our College is derived from this passage of scripture as it captures the very reason for our existence. Our prayer is that on their journey at Emmaus young people will have a profound encounter with their risen Lord and saviour that results in them turning towards 'Jerusalem' (the Gospel message). I would like to say a special thank you on behalf of our entire community to the Emmaus Board and Advisory Panel for ensuring the College remains faithful to this our core mission.

I would also like to take this opportunity to say thank you and farewell to a number of staff leaving at the end of 2016, and a warm welcome to some new staff starting in 2017.

Farewell to: Christos Anemouri, Carol Harry, Melissa Hayman, Maria Moubarak, Andrew Beaty, Neil Page.

Welcome to: Michelle Coppins (Middle/Senior Drama Teacher), Sarah Burrows (Middle/Senior English Teacher), Sarah Argent (Middle Primary Teacher), Susan Van der Merwe (Middle Primary Teacher), Sonya Gordon (SSO Student Services), Vivonne Amoy (Visual Arts Assistant), Chris Vince (SSO Music Assembly Assistant), Peter Argent (Bus Driver).

Welcome back to: Cathie Meaney.

Also the following staff are on leave during 2017: Jill Miller, Rebecca Wurst.

With our modern society embracing Christmas trees, spectacular (and competitive!) home lighting displays, and Santa Clause, there is no doubt the end of the year is upon us. As Christians it is important however to remember the true meaning of this important season among all the festivities. Sometimes however God can speak the true meaning of the season through what could otherwise be considered distractions of the true meaning!

I recently came across the 'Santa Clause' story, below (original source unknown) that nicely shifts the focus from the 'magic' of Christmas, to the actual and true 'wonder' of Christmas. My prayer is that this Christmas you gain a fresh perspective of the true wonder of Christmas.

The Student Santa

The students were having their briefing about how to be a good 'Santa Claus'. The Christmas season was gearing up in the department store, and Alex was here on his first day as a 'holiday-job Santa'.

"Whatever you do, don't frighten the children," the manager told them sternly. "Not even if the parents want you to!"

Armed with this advice, Alex started his first day. The very first child that arrived, parents in tow, screamed blue murder the moment he set eyes on Alex's fine new Santa outfit and long white beard. Nothing would pacify him. Not the parents' admonitions to 'be a brave boy', and not Alex's own attempts to console the crying child.

Eventually in despair, Alex hit on an idea. He began to peel off his 'uniform' bit by bit, starting with the white beard. This child stopped crying, and watched him, fascinated. The red hood was removed, and a young and rather embarrassed face came to light. The glasses were removed, and two twinkling, youthful, blue eyes appeared. The red robe was discarded, and underneath it was an ordinary lad in jeans and a sweat-shirt. The child looked on in amazement, until he was soon laughing and relaxed.

Once the relationship between them had been established, Alex started to put the 'uniform' back on again, and as he did so, he told the little boy a story of how, a very long time ago, God himself had come down to live on earth with us, and so that no one would be frightened by him, he had come in very ordinary clothes and lived the life of a very ordinary child. The boy listened, wide-eyed.

Soon, it was time to move on. The next 'customer' was waiting. The boy's parents moved away, rather disgruntled. "What a shame," they said. "It's spoiled all the magic."

"The end of the magic, perhaps," mused Alex, "but the beginning of the wonder."

**Andrew Linke
Principal**



Awards & Competitions Results

University of NSW International Competitions and Assessment for Schools & Australian Mathematics Trust Competitions 2016. Each year a number of students elect to complete these assessments. Congratulations to the following students on achieving a High Distinction or Distinction.

Digital Technologies

Samuel Smith, Isaac Phua, Daniel Jung

Mathematics

Isaac Phua, Tianyi (Bryant) Wu, Kaitlin Turland, Rachel Mei, Isaac Chua, Martin Gutteridge, Daniel Jung, Erica Phua, Jack Cheesman, Russel Fritz, Annelise Bartsch, Mitchell Raw

Spelling

Alexander Scarman, Isaac Phua, Jayden Ajitaturporn, Thomas Dickinson, Daniel Jung

English

Anna Amailuk, Seth Hingston, Mahalia Coggins, Isaac Phua, Tianyi (Bryant) Wu, Daniel Jung, Kaitlin Turland, Domokos Pinczel, Jack Cheesman

Science

Isaac Phua, Seth Hingston, Susannah Pringle, Isaac Chua, Tianyi (Bryant) Wu, Kaitlin Turland

Writing

Mahalia Coggins, Isaac Phua, Hanna Pinczel, Daniel Jung

Student Awards 2016

The Graduation events for each sub-school provided an opportunity to celebrate the graduation of our Year 6, Year 9 and Year 12 groups and announce our 2016 prize winners. Congratulations to the following award winners:

Academic, Leadership, Encouragement, Sport & Service Awards:

2016 Caltex Australia Medallion - Ethan Wildman

2016 David Martin Memorial Award - Clianta Bhasme & Segopotso Phiri

2016 Australian Defence Force Leadership & Teamwork Award - Chloe Hall & Deepthi Paul

2016 College Delegate to Compass Summer Conference - Beth Wahome

2017 Nomination for Adelaide University Principal's Scholarship - Ross Monaghan

2016 Junior Leadership and Service Award - Jack Young & Kaitlin Rowe

2016 Hindmarsh Shield Award - Kayla Burnett

Dux of Year 2016

Year 6 - Daniel Jung

Year 7 - Phoebe Wildman

Year 8 - Millie Corbett

Year 9 - Elena Hussey

Year 10 - Samuel Smith

Year 11 - Rosemary Willcocks

Year 12 - Mikayla Hussey

Sport - Individual Awards

2016 Senior Male Sporting Champion - Daniel Grear

2016 Senior Female Sporting Champion - Jesse Dent

2016 Middle School Male Sporting Champion - Brayden Stewart

2016 Middle School Female Sporting Champion - Tamsyn Morriss

2016 Junior School Male Sporting Champion - Noah Grierson

2016 Junior School Female Sporting Champion - Kaitlin Rowe

Music - Individual School Awards

2016 Most Outstanding Instrumental Senior Student - Phoebe Gordon

2016 Most Improved Instrumental Senior Student - Daniel Hill-Brown

2016 Most Outstanding Instrumental Middle School Student - Louisa Tedesco

2016 Most Improved Instrumental Middle School Student - Claudia Mesecke

2016 Most Outstanding Instrumental Junior School Student - Kevin Werner

2016 Most Improved Instrumental Junior School Student - Samuel Scarman

Performing Arts

2016 Most Outstanding Contribution - Connor Beaty

VET Awards

2016 Most Outstanding VET student - Bailey Minchington

2016 Most Outstanding NET student - Daa0 Chiengsaengthong

In addition a number of students were presented with Character Awards (recognising integrity, the gift of encouragement, persistence and serving others). Congratulations to all students on a great effort in 2016.