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Principal

The final month of the school year is always replete with special celebrations, ceremonies and events. And in the turbulence of 2020, we have found ways of continuing with as many of these milestones for our students and parents as possible.

The K-2 Celebration Evening was, as it always is, a glimpse at the wonder and joy of a student's year in Kindy, Prep, Year 1 and Year 2. We enjoyed their performances and year in review video and it was nice to be able to preserve every class coming across stage to be acknowledged.

In the Year 12 final week, we were able to host four magnificent celebrations to send off our students appropriately. After their exams concluded, the Canterbury Alumni Network hosted a "new Alumni" breakfast on Wednesday 18 November, where all graduating students were presented with a plant seedling, to hopefully grow alongside them in the years to come. A very special and intimate final chapel occurred in the Bush Chapel straight afterwards. The CEC played host to its first ever Valedictory Dinner that night. Our catering and staging company transformed the CEC into a beautiful function room with plenty of room for parents and students to celebrate in style. Friday 20 November saw the official Graduation Ceremony and Final Roll Call. Some special changes this year to include the whole College in the celebration were the guard of honour stretching from the Sports Hall to the CEC and the sung blessing performed by the combined Junior School choirs.

This week, I was pleased to attend the Year 6 Celebration evening, where our wonderful Year 6 group were recognised in their final week as leaders of the Junior School. I think it is fair to say that our Year 6 students are looking forward to Year 7 in the Secondary School but also are full of nostalgia and great memories from their time in the Junior School.

Next week of course is Speech Day for Years 3-6 and Speech Night for Years 7-11, both hosted this year in the CEC. These events have had to be scaled back to stay below maximum venue numbers but I trust they will be a terrific crescendo to the most unique of years. Our Christmas Chapel services will also run next week for the Junior and Secondary Schools.

Thank you to parents and family members who support Canterbury College so loyally through the year. We leave 2020 with growing enrolments, indeed some year levels with waiting lists for 2021, a very stable teaching staff and much to be thankful for. This is a strong and passionate school community and I am proud and privileged to serve as your Principal.

Mr Dan Walker

Principal



Junior School

As we come to the end of 2020, there is a lot to reflect upon and be grateful for. Despite the challenges upon us this year, we have continued to grow and show leadership and innovation in all our responses and have worked closely with our community to ensure a sense of normality. I would like to sincerely thank you for your ongoing support and commitment to our Junior School.

On Tuesday, we had a very successful Orientation Morning, where our students got to meet their new teacher and classmates for 2021. Our students really enjoyed this process and are excited about moving into their new classrooms next year.

I would like to farewell Mrs Tania Rafferty and Miss Jamilla Riley. Mrs Rafferty has been at Canterbury since 2015 and has been a wonderful member of our Kindy team. She is looking for a new challenge and has accepted a Prep classroom teaching position at Stretton College. Miss Riley has only been at Canterbury for a short period of time, but she too has had an enormous impact within our community. She has also accepted a position at Stretton College as a Year 6 classroom teacher for next year. I would like to thank them both for their dedication and significant contribution to Canterbury and I wish them the very best as they commence their new roles.

I would like to acknowledge our Year 6 cohort for their leadership this year. This week, they have been involved in a wonderful Year 6 celebration service, a Year 6 festival and a special outing. They must be commended for their resilience and their ability to continue to uphold the Canterbury values.

The staff at Canterbury are first class. I would like to thank them for taking such great care of your children throughout the year. The level of compassion, respect and ability to go above and beyond is an absolute credit to them. If you get the opportunity, please thank them for the amazing work they have done all year.

I would like to wish everyone a happy and safe festive season. It has been a remarkable year, and if I don't see you in the next few days, I look forward to seeing you again in 2021.

Best wishes and take care.

Mr Bill Garland

Head of Junior School

Secondary School

Interhouse E-sports

Recently we held the Canterbury Interhouse E-sports competition. The Houses competed across three games to see which House was the strongest. From the start, it was clear that Kime and Ramsey would be the Houses to watch as they traded blows.

Mario-Kart was fast-paced and intense as the crowd cheered on their racers, with Kime eventually emerging victorious. Super Smash Bros was chaotic as the Houses fought to be the last player standing. Kime continued their dominance with another first place finish. As with Mario-Kart, Ramsey was nipping at their heels; they would need a dominant performance in Rocket League to take the win. Ramsey's players came out swinging, with some decisive victories and clutch goals that secured first place and an overall first place finish for the competition.



It was great to see the fervent support from all Houses and there were standout performances from each House. Congratulations to all our competitors and we look forward to another great competition next year.

Leader board for E-sports competition:

1. Ramsey
2. Kime
3. Goldsworthy
4. Cranmer
5. Becket
6. Temple

Mr Hayden Turner

Secondary Teacher



Teaching and Learning

Digital organisation and preparing for 2021

Before returning to school next year, it might be beneficial for students to reflect on their use of digital technology and how it has worked for them in 2020. Considering the following questions might be helpful:

- Have you been organised with your digital technology use in your subjects?
- Do you have the best digital tools on your device for the types of tasks that you need to complete?
- Do you have the skills needed to use these tools well? Or do you need to work on this?

The BYOD software catalogue can be used by students in the BYOD program to download any tools that might be needed. Students in the 1-1 Surface program can download digital tools using the Company portal app.

The summer break is also a useful time for students to clean up the files on their device. They may have saved documents in a variety of places during the year. To make sure they can find them again in the future, they should file them in an organised way.

Many students use OneDrive folders for each of their subjects and create new subfolders for each term. This is a logical way for work to be organised, and the system recommended by the College. The search function is very useful if all the files have been named well, but a well-structured folder system will ensure fast access to documents in the future.

Setting up a 2021 subject folder structure before the start of the year will encourage an organised system from day one next year.

Students may find that their device is getting low on storage. They should consider removing (or moving to the Cloud,) any software and media that is no longer needed on the device.

OneNote notebooks that are open in the OneNote app will be available until students close them. The Web version will be archived as part of the Microsoft Teams. Students are advised to close any notebooks that will not be needed in 2021, after copying any sections that are needed to their OneDrive.

OneNote notebooks that will be required again in 2021 can be left open in the OneNote app.

A variety of useful websites will have been used over the course of 2020. It is a good idea to bookmark the ones that may be needed in the future. Microsoft Edge has a great bookmarking system that also lets users create collections of websites, images, and video.

If you have any questions about our digital systems for learning at Canterbury, feel free to email me at: j.jenkins@canterbury.qld.edu.au

Mr James Jenkins

Director of Teaching and Learning

Performing Arts

Friday Night Rocks

We saw the conclusion of the Rock Schools busy performance year with Friday Night Rocks.



This was an unapologetically loud event that included all students from Rock School, covering Rock Bands, Guitar Ensemble, Guitar Trio and Acoustic Girls Band, showcasing the quality and growth of this area in the program.





This was a farewell to the Year 12 students Angela Koranski, Paris Jenner, Lachlan Bridgford, Henry Jennings, Jakob George and Lia Russell, who have been a part of the program for many years.





It also saw the presentation of the annual Rock School shield. Congratulations to recipient, Paris Jenner.



Junior Stars of the Future

On Tuesday 17 November, the final event in our Spring Arts Festival, the Junior Stars of the Future Concert, showcased our talented younger musicians and dancers. The concert featured students in the Year 3 Strings and Year 5 Band Immersion Programs as well as string ensembles, soloists - Areen Lee (cello), Chris Kim (flute), Isabella Oxenbridge (piano) - and the Junior School dance companies, Shine and Ignite. What a fabulous night of entertaining performances from our students.







Dr Katrina Peddell

Acting Director of Performing Arts