



## FROM THE PRINCIPAL

How organised is your family life in such a busy time for school aged families?

We are all busy aren't we and the benefits of being organised and planned are obvious. And we know that next week will have something unexpected to deal with too.

There's plenty of action and excitement at the College just now. If you have a look at our Facebook page you will know something of the busyness. Let me relay some of the highlights.

Last week Year 4 students travelled to the Powerhouse Museum. Have you been there before? What a great adventure of learning for young people.

We hosted the 'Band Jam' for 5 schools on Wednesday night with the combined band of 130 students coming together after just 5 hours of training during the day under the guidance of celebrity musician and conductor, Mr Nic Jefferies of 2016 The Voice fame.

The Japanese Tour held its presentation evening for parents and friends on Thursday evening in the Anne Marsden Centre following the exchange program from the Easter vacation.

Year 10 Drama students were part of the Riverdale Theatre's 'Short Sharp Theatre' Scriptwriting Competition, and 3 of the students were selected to have their scripts performed last Tuesday evening. What a thrill for the students and the performers. Miss Chavura is full of commendation of the experience.

Year 12 and Kindergarten came together for the Annual Teddy Bears' Picnic in the new Kindy Centre with stories being read and bear masks being made together. Our ANZAC Bear Able

Seaman Andy Miller also made a brief appearance. Teddy Bears remind us of friendships and positive relationships don't they? Last Monday evening, Year 12 were part of the Term 2 Parent Teacher Night and with just over 4 months to go in their HSC year, the target is very clear.

Several sporting events are talked about later in this edition of The Way. It's reporting time and every teacher is busy preparing the reports of students for this first half of the year. Office staff are assisting in every area and our College support staff are busy with the daily operations of a large learning community.

Thank you for your contribution and support of the variety of College programs.

We've opened up the College for the future again today with the 'Experience Year 7 for a Day' program for Year 5 students from our own class group and for students from other schools.

As young people grow they do well to learn the skills of planning, review reflection; and preparation. Teachers are keen to teach these skills. Our programs encourage students to plan for the future.

*"For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future." - Jeremiah 29:11*

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