



## TERM 2, WEEK 6, 2024

### VERSE OF THE WEEK:

"I will give thanks to you, LORD, with all my heart; I will tell of all your wonderful deeds."

Psalms 9:1

### PRAYER/PRAISE POINTS:

- Pray for our Fireworks night this weekend!
- Continue to pray for revival and hearts turned toward God for our students.
- Thank God for the many blessings in our lives and that we would all have a grateful heart.

### SCHOOL FAMILIES TO PRAY FOR:

- Hollister
- Holmes
- Howells
- Howie
- Humble

## CHANGES TO LAW THAT WILL AFFECT OUR SCHOOL

The Attorney-General, Mark Dreyfus, tabled in Parliament on the last possible date the report from the Australian Law Reform Commission (ALRC), Maximising the Realisation of Human Rights: Religious Educational Institutions and Anti-Discrimination Laws. The recommendations in the report, provide even fewer protections for our schools than the controversial initial consultation report. The ALRC itself notes that the new recommendations 'substantially narrow the circumstances in which discrimination by religious educational institutions of their students and staff is permissible at law'.

It is no exaggeration to say that the ALRC recommendations are the greatest threat to this vital freedom we have ever faced. Equally though, we are facing threats at State level around the country. It seems there are those who are intent on removing the ability of our school, and other Christian schools, to determine the staff we need. As a Christian school it is vital we can employ staff who share our beliefs and support the Vision, Mission and ethos of the school.

Needless to say this report, and the final decisions made, are critical for Christian schools across Australia. So before the law is changed, we need our political representatives to see just how valuable it is for us to employ staff who believe and share our faith. Here are 5 ways that both Christian School Boards, staff, students, parents and the wider community can take action in ensuring that future generations benefit from the faith of Christian staff, in Christian schools:

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# STUDENT OF THE WEEK

*Congratulations!*

## KINDER:

**Lorelai Gold** - for learning new things with enthusiasm

## PREP:

**Eltani Spaulding** - for her wonderful explanations of why her friends are special to her!

## YEAR 1:

**Maggie McGuire** - for putting her best effort into each task.

**Adilyn Walters-Simpson** - for her wonderful engagement in writing.

## YEAR 2:

**Mia James** - for thoughtful consideration about what she is learning

**Rafaelle Whittle** - for considering feedback and learning from it

## YEAR 3:

**Maci McIntee** - for showing resilience when playing kindly with others. (James 1:12)

**Chester O'Neill** - for thinking of others when praying. (Colossians 4:2)

## YEAR 4:

**Haddie Wigg** - for always volunteering to help out in the classroom

**Gideon Overton** - for having a 'can do' attitude with his tricky English

## YEAR 5:

**Olivia Lambert** - for her determination to do her best in all subjects

**Keelan Woodberry** - for always volunteering to jump in and help out in the classroom

## YEAR 6:

**Keeley Forward** - for excellent work collecting and analysing data

**Jason Wilson** - for a big improvement in Math and reading

## YEAR 7:

**Caitlin Young** - for showing perseverance in her work and having the most beautiful smile

**Brody Atkins** - making a great effort to keep up with his work, having neat handwriting, as well as being friendly

## YEAR 8:

**Isabella Sheean** - for showing initiative when completing her paces and helping in the classroom

**Thomas Huxtable** - for working consistently in all learning areas

## YEAR 9:

**Daisy Padman** - for making positive contributions to class discussions

**Aiden Ashdown** - for making a concerted effort to complete his task

## YEAR 10:

**Brydie McInnes** - a great attitude towards school and her fellow classmates

**Clay Mott** - for making a good effort to complete set tasks in English

## YEAR 11/12:

**Frieda Spanka** - for her significant effort and attitude to her studies

**Ella Taylor** - for having a good attitude throughout activities that were well outside her comfort zone in the recent Outdoor Ed camp

## EMPLOYEE OF THE WEEK

**Mr Brendan Von Blanckensee** - for being helpful, co-operative and on the ball at all times

**Mrs Caroline Hewitt** - for being a great support to Mr Joubert in Year 7

*thank you*



# WEEK 6 INFORMATION

## UPCOMING DATES

### Week 6

May 24 - Casual Clothes  
May 25 - Fireworks Night @ Geneva

### Week 9

June 10 - Long Weekend

### Week 10

June 20 - Pie Drive

### Week 11

June 28 - Cross Country

## HANDWRITING

Congratulations to the following students who received the Handwriting Award this week:

Prep - Patrick Langan

Year 1 - Isabel Blakberry & Adelaide Tucker

Year 2 - Mei Close & Jordan Thorpe

Year 3 - Macie Anderson & Chloe Padman

Year 4 - Patrice Howie

Year 5 - Samuel Quirk & Zoe Heathcote

Year 6 - Dexter Miles & Sophie Ralph

THURSDAY 23RD OF  
MAY LUNCHTIME AND  
FIREWORKS NIGHT



ONLY \$3 EA. OR 2  
FOR \$5.00

## HOT DIGGITY DOGS

ALL PROCEEDS GO TOWARDS GRAN'S VAN.

## creamy creations



COME AND CREATE A CREAMY CREATION!  
ALL PROCEEDS GO TO SPEAK UP! STAY CHATTY.

GO ON A ICE CREAM  
ADVENTURE,  
CHOOSE YOUR OWN TOPPINGS,  
DAIRY FREE OR REGULAR...  
\$3.50 FOR 2 SCOOPS,  
AND \$4.00 FOR 3 SCOOPS!

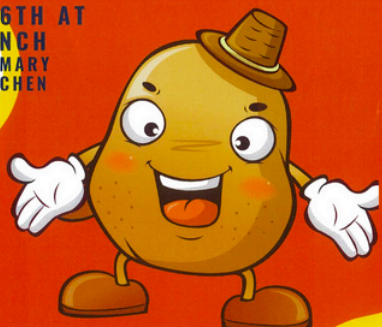
EVERY THURSDAY LUNCHTIME FROM WEEK 7 AT  
THE CANTEEN!

## THE SPUD STOP

"WE'VE GOT THE JACKET YOU DONT WANT  
TO TAKE OFF"

FORMS WILL BE HANDED OUT TO CLASSES

JUNE 6TH AT  
LUNCH  
PRIMARY  
KITCHEN



Warm, yummy and full of toppings!  
Our spuds are available for Pre-order!  
PROFITS GO TO CHARITY

## CASUAL CLOTHES DAY

**Tomorrow** is Casual Clothes Day. Students may wear neat, modest casual clothes for a gold coin donation. All proceeds go to Samaritans Purse Shoeboxes.

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1. Write to the Prime Minister and encourage others to do so.
2. Encourage your friends and family to join the 11,000 My Christian School supporters.
3. Follow My Christian School on Facebook and Instagram. There are regular updates that you can share with others.
4. Mums, dads, grandparents, students, teachers: share your story about the value of faith in your Christian school.
5. PRAY for the people who makes these decisions, that they will understand and see the value of faith based Christian schools and teachers.

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# WEEK 6 PHOTOS





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# GENEVA FIREWORKS NIGHT

## THIS WEEKEND

### SATURDAY, MAY 25TH, 2024

**WHERE:** Geneva Christian College (197 Moriarty Road, Latrobe)

**WHEN:** Saturday, May 25th

**WHO:** You, your family & friends

**HOW MUCH:** \$6.00 per person (Children 4 and under free)

**TICKETS:** Please purchase tickets via Eventbrite link

(Search: Geneva Christian College on the Eventbrite page OR follow the link on the school Facebook page)

**GATES OPEN:** 4:45pm **EVENT STARTS:** 5:45pm **FIREWORKS:** 6:10pm

**FOOD:** BBQ food, hot drinks & snacks available for purchase between 5-6pm

*(leftpos available)*