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CHRISTIAN
COLLEGE**

Our faith is in Christ

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“SAPSASA” & “SASSA” “SWIMMING”

On Monday three primary students—Benjamin, Emma & Anastasia—represented Rivergum in the Riverland SAPSASA swimming carnival at the Renmark pool. They competed in 4-5 events each with excellent heat results to ensure they will all represent the district at the State championships in Adelaide in March. Amazing! **AND** Emilie (in action, below left) was our **first ever** competitor in a SASSA carnival that evening. Well done!



BEN



EMILIE



EMMA



ANASTASIA

SECONDARY SCHOOL MATHS from Mr Schumann, Head of Secondary

We are very excited to inform you about some changes that are underway in Years 7-10 Maths. Traditionally in schools it has been extremely difficult for one teacher to cater to the learning needs of 20 individual students. As a result, not every student has experienced success in maths, with some students finding it particularly stressful or difficult.

*Our teaching team is now working hard to change that by altering the structure of our maths curriculum so that instead of all students learning the same topic at the same time, each student will focus only on what they are ready to learn. This means **every student** can experience success in maths.*

This approach has been used with great success in many Australian schools including Torrens Valley Christian School in Adelaide where it was found to be extremely beneficial to the students.

Our maths team will be sending home further communication to parents about these changes and we will be holding an information session later in the year. In the meantime, we encourage you to talk with your child about what it means to have a growth mindset (you can find out more about this at www.mindsetkit.org/growth-mindset-parents).



Emails regarding enrolment were sent out by Music Alive to those families of students who expressed interest in music lessons. We anticipate lessons will begin next week.

Our school banking program is the Commonwealth Bank ‘Youthsaver’ system. It’s free and easy to register if you haven’t already – head to www.commbank.com.au/banking/school-banking for more information. You don’t even have to be an existing customer!



Chaplain’s Corner by Mrs Veronica Raams

This week the buzz word has been ‘Respect’. Respect for property, each other, our teachers—and especially our parents! The Biblical commandment to “Honour your father and mother” is the only one that comes with a promise: “so that you will live well in the land I [God] have given to you.” We want to create a respectful culture in the school God has blessed us with.

Garden Club: Our next project will be to get the compost bin going to make soil.

Ukulele: Lessons have begun well! We are concentrating on starting and stopping

songs together. If you have a ukulele at home, please send it along—we need 3 more so that each child can have one in the big F/1 group!

Circle Time: We’ve split our usual 6-10 group into two sessions: Years 4-6 on Mondays & Years 7-10 on Thursdays at lunch. This week we’re studying Genesis 1 & 2.

Chapel: Thank you to the middle school classes who have led out for the first two weeks—they did a great job! This week we’re having **two chapels:** middle school at 1:40pm and primary at 2:30 as usual. Please come & support us as we trial this program, to be repeated in Week 8.

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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	S/S
5	25	26	27	28 Library Banking	MARCH 1 Chapel	
6	QUESTACON Student science workshops Y6-10 4	SACSA swimming 5	6	7 Library Banking	8 Chapel	
7	PUBLIC HOLIDAY 11 [Adelaide Cup]	12	13	14 Library Banking	Disco + Parent Coffee & Cake Night 15 Chapel	
8	Primary Schools Music Festival rehearsal 18	19	SAPSASA athletics 20	21 Library Banking	22 Chapel	
9	25	St John Ambulance FAIS (First Aid in Schools) 26	27	Years 8 & 10 immunisations 28 Library Banking	29 Chapel	
10	APRIL 1	SACSA secondary athletics 2	SASSA athletics 3	Immunisation follow-up 4 Library Banking	5 Chapel	
11	Parent-student- teacher interviews 8	Parent-student- teacher interviews 9	10	11 Library Banking	WHOLE SCHOOL SPORTS DAY 12	

YEAR 5/6 EXPOSITION WRITING

Miss Grigg's class have started learning about 'expositions' as part of their English (Writing) literacy studies. After looking at the format of an exposition, the class wrote one together with the topic "a good friend is always there for you." Here's what the class came up with today!

INTRODUCTION: A good friend is hard to find; however when you find one, you should hold on to them. A friend is loyal, honest, kind, helpful, faithful and trustworthy. They will not always agree with you but they are with you through the good times and bad.

PARAGRAPH/REASON 1: A good friend is there for you no matter what. An example is if a friend moves away they will still keep in contact through messages, phone calls and visits. Even though they may be far away, they will still share what is happening in their life. It is important to hold on to your good friends and support each other.

PARAGRAPH/REASON 2: A good friend holds on to the memories that you share with them. They tell you about their family and any problems that they may have. They celebrate with you during special events such as Christmas, Easter, birthdays, even when you get married. You often create memories with your friends, both the good and the bad. Friendships grow and develop as you get older.

PARAGRAPH/REASON 3: A good friend may not always have the same interests, however you do have some hobbies that may be the same. For example, you may both like football or dance but don't agree on the same type of music. These differences make for a good friendship. You can have some lively discussions, you can introduce new things to your friend, and you can have different friends. All these things don't stop you from being friends.

CONCLUSION: Your friends are not the same as you. Differences are amazing. A good friend is someone that has your back no matter what, they create memories and they have different interests or hobbies. Everyone is different but we still need to respect each other. God created us unique and we need to celebrate these differences.

