

Jubilee Standard

The Newsletter
of Jubilee
Christian College
Atherton

18th November 2009

From Mr Baker's Pen



Dear Parents and Carers,

If you are like me, the end of the year is rushing up on you more quickly than you expected. Currently I am working in Rockhampton and attending curriculum meetings with our sister schools from Gladstone and Hervey Bay. I had to go to the local shopping centre one afternoon and there were Christmas carols playing! I think this is a *little* too early. However, just maybe, some of the carols will help someone think about the 'reason we celebrate the season' and recognise the baby Jesus was sent as a Saviour to all mankind.

Already we are planning for 2010 here at Jubilee Christian College. Our curriculum meetings in Rockhampton are assisting us to develop new subject options for senior school students starting in 2010. The College is considering offering a nationally accredited Certificate III in Christian Ministries instead of the Bible PACEs, giving students an option of collecting credits towards the Queensland Certificate of Education, and some on-line curriculum options.

Mrs. Baker and myself have recently attended 4 days of training with Queensland University of Technology and Independent Schools Queensland staff.

RAISING A STANDARD



College Principal:
Mr. Matthew Baker
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The College has been chosen to be a pilot school for a Commonwealth National Partnerships program to improve the reading comprehension skills of students in Queensland. Year 4, 5 and 6 students at the College in Atherton, as well as some Distance Education students, will be given a reading comprehension testing activity, and over 2 years College staff will be trained by QUT Literacy Secretariat Staff in specific strategies to model and impart to students so they have skills to understand and make use of text they read.

As part of the training of the program we were instructed in a particular philosophy of education called *'The Breakthrough Framework'*. This way of organising instruction to students has been credited with outstanding results in the Ministry of Education, Ontario, Canada. At the heart of the philosophy are 4 non-negotiable core values:

1. All students can achieve high standards, given sufficient time and support.
2. All teachers can teach to high standards, given the right conditions and assistance.
3. High expectation and early intervention are essential.
4. All teachers need to learn all the time, and they need to be able to articulate both what they do and why they do it.

Sounds good! The problem is that not all schools go along with the above values and many students are not given the best education because they are not expected to be able to succeed. I was pleased to be able to share with our staff, that these core values have always been a part of what we do at Jubilee Christian College and are integral to the way we use the PACE learning materials.

We are working on building up our enrolments for 2010. Unfortunately a few families are moving town in 2010, and we wish them well. Please advertise the school to your friends and workmates around town. We do have a program in place to reward a family who actively works to assist another family to enrol in the College. Please contact the office for details.

We want to begin moving our library and music/drama equipment from the Destiny Children's Church rooms up to the Multi-Purpose room in the new classroom block. If any parent has some spare time during the coming weeks, we would appreciate your offer of assistance for this big job.



Landscaping work has begun around the new classrooms, and this will create a wonderful new environment for the students. Our plans for the new buildings are

nearly ready to go out for quotes, and it is hoped to begin construction by the end of January next year.

Thank you for your efforts and support.





Students using the new glockenspiels in music class

Housekeeping and Notices

Swimming reminder If it is raining when we prepare to walk to the pool, we will cancel swimming for that day. Parents will be notified of the change of plans in that case.

Honour Roll An overnight camp at the Coconut Caravan Resort in Cairns is planned for Friday and Saturday December 4 and 5. Check with the teachers what work students need to do to achieve this most excellent reward.

Awards Night Plans and practising are in progress for our Awards Night, Tuesday the 8th December commencing at 6.30 pm. We would love to see all our school family and extended families in attendance to honour our hard working students!

Remembrance Day



Jubilee had its own little ceremony to mark the occasion.



When I grow up I would like to be a tree....



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Jubilee new enrolments for 2010

Do you have friends or family who may be interested in enrolling with us? Jubilee has a 'Spotter's Fee' credit to go on the account of any family whose recommendations lead to new enrolments!

Saturday 5th December 6.30 pm
Atherton Showgrounds



ATHERTON TABLELANDS Carols by Candlelight 09

Celebrating the story of Christmas!

Important Upcoming Events - Term 4:

Thursday 19th Nov

Swimming lessons in progress on
Thursdays and Fridays till 27/11

Friday 4th-Sat 5th Dec

Honour Roll

Saturday 5th Dec

Atherton Carols by Candlelight

Tuesday 8th Dec

Awards Night

Wednesday 9th Dec

End of Year for Students

Friday 11th Dec

End of Year for Staff

Friday 18th Dec

Office closes till after New Year



*We will
tell the next
generation the
praiseworthy
deeds of
the Lord, His
power, and
the wonders
He has done.
Psalm 78:4*

