

10 March 2010

Dear Parents,

What a great start to the year we've had, with the opening of the Home Economics Room, appointment of student leaders and winning the first round of the regional chess tournament. Congratulations to all involved in these great achievements!

### **INTERNATIONAL FOOD DAY**

On Friday the 19<sup>th</sup> of March, we are going to celebrate the wide variety of cultures in our world with a special event at lunch time. Parents, friends and students are invited to bring a plate of food to share at the 10:45am – 11:30am lunch break. We ask you to choose a dish that represents the country you or your ancestors are from, a country that you would like to visit one day, or another country of your choice. Students, parents and friends are also invited to wear international dress for the occasion. The costume may be worn to school if comfortable, or changed into for the event. (Normal modesty rules apply). This week coincides with St Patrick's Day on the 17<sup>th</sup> and Harmony Day on the 21<sup>st</sup>. Please come, share some fun with us and use the occasion to learn about other nations.

### **HIGH SCHOOL CAMP**

Secondary students will be on camp from the 23<sup>rd</sup> to the 26<sup>th</sup> of March. This year we will be staying at a campsite in Mackay with Christian facilitators that come with the highest recommendations from Mackay Christian College. Our objectives are to:

- Use physical challenges to learn life lessons about character, teamwork and leadership
- Encounter God in a fresh way
- Create a "team" mentality in the class that provides a foundation for the rest of the year

I will be attending the camp and facilitating the evening sessions. Parents joining us this year will be Mrs Shepherd and Mrs Morgan. Please pray over this special time for all the students.

### **THE SEVEN HABITS OF HIGHLY EFFECTIVE CQCC STUDENTS**

Students this year have been focussing on a contextualised version of Stephen Covey's 7 Habits of Highly Effective people. Using our values a foundation and our Biblical World-view as a framework, we have been studying good habits that help lead us to success. Please find attached an introduction and summary of Habit #1: Be Proactive.

### **FOCUS ON THE FAMILY**

On Monday the 19<sup>th</sup> of April we will have the special visit of Marc Erbsleben from Focus on the Family in Australia. There will be a line-up of activities for Secondary students during the day and a "**Principles of Parenting**" seminar in the evening. The evening seminar is open to all parents and the public. I believe it will be very beneficial to every one of us as parents. You are most welcome to come and bring friends. Please mark the date on your calendar for a great night!

Our love and prayers are with you and your family as you endeavour to raise your children in the knowledge of God.

Warmest regards in Christ Jesus,

Michael Appleton  
PRINCIPAL



### **UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Wed 17 Mar - St Patrick's Day  
Fri 19 Mar - International Food Celebration  
Tue 23 Mar - High School Camp - Fri 26 Mar  
Fri 26 Mar - Last Day of Term 1

Fri 02 Apr - Good Friday  
Mon 12 Apr - Student Free Day  
Tue 13 Apr - Term 2 Commences  
Wed 14 Apr - P&F Business Meeting  
Mon 19 Apr - Focus on the Family "Principles of Parenting"